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EAST ENDORSES CHOICE OF BOSTON!

Jubilation Over the Selection of "The Hub" for the 15th Annual Meeting of the National Business League

SUPT. THURSTON TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Change of Administration in the Public School in Sight—E. C. Williams is Favored for Assistant Superintendent—The Business League's Past and Future—Booker T. Washington's Fearless Battle Against the Immigration Bill and Expose of Lynching Evil—Belgian Bill a Failure—News in Tabloid.

By R. W. Thompson.

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Washington, D. C., January 20.—There is genuine delight in this section of the country over the announcement that the fifteenth annual session of the National Negro Business League is to be held in Boston next August. Since the meeting of 1914 was held in the extreme Southwest, the natural trend of the pendulum is to swing eastward. This is in keeping with the fixed policy of the officials to "carry the Business League to the people," and preserving its national aspect. Every year large delegations follow the League wherever it goes, but for obvious reasons the bulk of the organization's attendance will come from the section nearest the point of meeting. Thus all elements are reached and influenced, and the commercial balance of the nation is preserved by an oscillation that touches North, East, South and West in the course of four years. The League now swings back to where it started in 1900, and it will be decidedly interesting to utilize the occasion to institute comparisons between the business status of the Negro people of this country fifteen years ago with the phenomenal development that is true of today. No fair-minded observer can deny that in this wonderful growth of the race in all lines of business enterprise is due in the largest measure to the healthful influence and inspiring touch of the National Negro Business League.

The Beginning.

At the time this unique body was called together by Dr. Booker T. Washington, all previous national movements for the uplift of the race had been almost purely political. Skeptics there were in abundance who declared that an organization that did not offer political rewards as a bait or hold up legal protection as a shibboleth, could make no headway among colored people. Dr. Washington thought otherwise. He saw that through the existing organizations the political welfare of the Negro was being safeguarded; the sick were being cared for and the dead were being buried in approved fashion; the legal rights of the race were being fought for vigorously by able champions; and the religious, educational and social needs of the masses were in good hands. He saw that on the business side no one was making any effort to advance, with any systematic method as a guide. No inspiring force was at work to point out to the black man that if the white man was growing strong by virtue of his control of the vast volume of money invested in business and trade, the black man, with a ready-made group of customers at his command for the asking, ought to be able to do the same. He knew enough of human nature to realize that hackneyed essays on business and learned treatises on the commercial history of the Greks and Romans would never arrest the attention of the classes which needed this training most and from whom the biggest results were likely to be attained. He took a leaf from the revivalist of other days and evolved the plan of holding "experience meetings," in which men untrained in public speaking could have an equal chance with the princes of the platform. Boston was selected as the place where the best hearing could be had for the launching of this new idea.

That the innovation "took like wildfire" and proved to be the eye-opener of the generation are facts that now belong to the chronicles of the past fifteen years. With each year the interest grew, the enthusiasm kindled with new vigor, and the attendance reached proportions not expected by the League's most optimistic prophets and sages. The National Negro Business League is no longer an experiment. It is a success, with a capital S, and is now accepted by both races and all elements of the body politic as one of the standard institutions of the American Republic.

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The Business League, Past, Present and Future.

It may be well to state in this connection that in the years following the inauguration of this commercial awakening in Boston, the League has met in Chicago (twice), Richmond, Nashville, Indianapolis, New York (twice), Atlanta, Topeka, Baltimore, Louisville, Little Rock, Philadelphia and Muscogee. The logic of the situation now suggests a return to Boston, to sum up in the race's crucial years the fruits that have been garnered and to cast about for the best means of increasing the yield for the years that are to come. Dr. Booker T. Washington, Hon. J. C. Napier and Secretary Emmett J. Scott, the committee to whom this function was delegated, have chosen well and the entire country, led by the East, joins in a chorus of hearty approval.

The local authorities in Boston have extended a cordial invitation. Everybody knows what Boston hospitality means; everybody knows what the New England spirit stands for as between man and man. As each session of the League has been greater in some feature than those preceding it, it is not difficult to predict that the Boston meeting of 1915 will break all previous records in all features. The hosts will come and see, in any event, and a monster crowd will be in attendance. Local leagues in all the States will be getting together now in earnest and see to it that they send delegates in as large a number as possible. The program committee, headed by Mr. Scott, has rich and inexhaustible field from which to select the speakers and a menu, varied and invigorating, may safely be assured.

The Wizard's Great Work.

Dr. Washington was never stronger than he is today in the affection of the race he has served so long and well. Just a few days ago he electrified the nation with his clarion call to the colored people to rally against the clause in the immigration bill, providing for the exclusion from this country of all comers who possessed a strain of African blood. It is not extravagant to say that the ignominious defeat of the infamous measure was due more to Dr. Washington's timely activity than to any other single cause extant. Again, his report on the lynching evil for the year brought to the attention of the country, in vivid and luminous fashion, the greatest menace of the times to the peace and dignity of America's legal fabric. When respect for the majesty of the law departs, the social compact, which makes nations worth while, is on trial for its life and disaster threatens. Dr. Washington is rendering a service, the value of which is inestimable, in resisting the African exclusion propaganda, standing up manfuly for the industrious West Indians who built the Panama Canal and whose brethren are getting educational inspiration in our schools, as well as contending earnestly for our kinsmen who come from the Dark Continent to seek the light of a Christian civilization. In uncovering the canker-growth of lynching, the resourceful Tuskegeean is likewise assisting his day and generation by arousing a sentiment against mob violence, from the baleful effects of which the black and the white man are co-sufferers. The black man is murdered, and the white man is brutalized by the lust for blood.

The work of Booker T. Washington and the central purpose of the National Negro Business League are so closely interwoven that when one is discussed the other comes readily into the mind. The Negro race as a whole is heartened and its cause will grow in strength in proportion as the broad principles for which Washington and the Business League stand become the cardinal impulse of the nation at large.

Let "On to Boston!" be the slogan from now until August next.

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The Belgian Relief Ball a Failure.

The ball at Convention Hall on the 15th, for the relief of the Belgians, was not a success. Public sentiment of the colored people did not support the movement. The leaders undertook the work because their help was asked by Mrs. John A. Logan, one of the grandest women of the nation and a friend of the race; but the masses, impressed with the review of the atrocities of the Belgians against the Negroes in the Congo, under King Leopold, revolted and nothing could bring them into harmony with the movement. About 500 persons attended, in a hall that would accommodate 6,000, and not enough money was realized to pay the expenses. Leon S. Wormley, chairman of the general committee, Judge Robert H. Terrell, chairman of the executive committee, J. Finley Wilson, in charge of publicity, and Dr. J. T. Walker, finance committee, worked like trojans, but they could not carry a cause in which the masses of the race had no heart.

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The "School Fight" Approaches a Crisis.

That the "school fight" is approaching a crisis is the opinion expressed throughout the District by those in a position to know. The teachers can say nothing, but their friends, who have no axes to grind, are in the breach good and strong in their interest. Relief is wanted from this regime of uncertainty, and a new deal, that suggests a genuine merit system and an assurance of honorable recognition of service efficiently performed, is insisted by all concerned in any way with the schools. The feeling is that the last straw has been piled upon the camel's back and the breaking point has been reached. The desire for a change in the administration is universal and it is said to be only a question of time when this will come.

Inside informants say that Superintendent E. L. Thurston, who has practically assumed all authority over the colored schools, in recognition of the strained situation, has prepared for submission to an early meeting of the board of education, a comprehensive report, which will go into the very marrow of the school crisis, in its relation to the colored divisions. The exact text of the recommendations the superintendent will make is not known, but rumor has it that the new program calls for the retirement of Assistant Superintendent R. C. Bruce and a general recasting of the official staff of the colored schools. It is stated that Mr. Bruce will, in all probability, be retained in the system, but it will be as a subordinate. The stock of E. C. Williams, now principal of the M Street school, went up several notches during the past week, and there is still talk of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell. Two or three prospective candidates have been eliminated by advanced age or factional unavailability. No man suspected of leaning toward the reactionary element in the schools and who seeks to control the patronage for an unworthy purpose, will be tolerated, and it is said that Superintendent Thurston has blue-penciled more than one would-be dictator, who have a habit of boasting of the "pull" they have been enjoying under the present regime. Looking after the welfare of 15,000 pupils and marshaling a corps of nearly 600 teachers is a man's-sized job and no weakling need apply. The board meets this week and there may be "something doing."

The mysterious visit of Assistant Superintendent Bruce to New York City last week is provoking no end of comment. It is suspected that he went to Gotham on "school business."

The News in Tabloid.

Dr. E. D. Williston is mentioned as suitable timber for delegate to the next Republican National Convention. All he would have to do to get a majority would be for his "John's army" of patients to vote for him—and they would do it, to a man.

Mrs. Blanche Green is stenographer for the Washington Eagle.

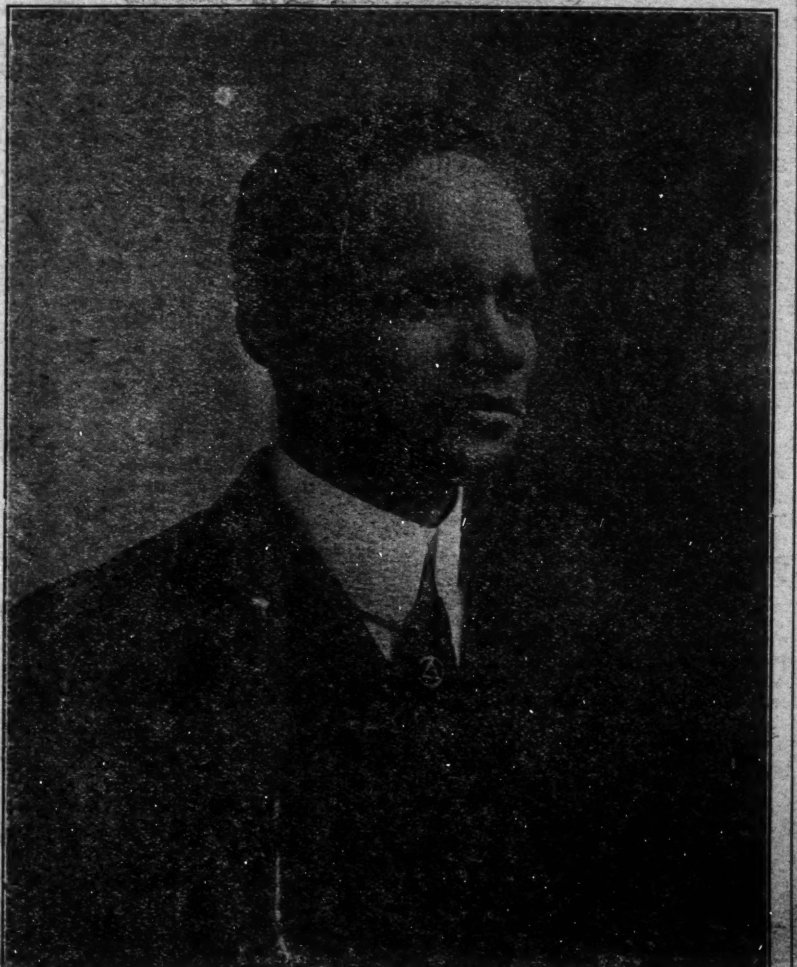
Rev. Walter H. Brooks, for many years pastor of the Nineteenth Street Baptist church, has been called to the pastorate of the Fifth Street Baptist church in Richmond, Va. Dr. Brooks came to Washington from Richmond, and it is thought to be highly fitting that he should close his ministerial labors in the community in which he laid the foundation of his brilliant career. Dr. Brooks is regarded as one of the race's most eloquent and scholarly pulpit orators.

Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, who is coming to be known as the colored "Billy" Sunday, is conducting a fifty days' revival at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Temple. Dr. Drew is easily the best advertised colored preacher in this section of the country. He is an ardent believer in the efficiency of printers' ink in placing his work before the people.

Mr. A. L. Jackson, who was last year's class-day orator at Harvard University, was in the city last week, attending the conference of Y. M. C. A. workers, who met here. He was a guest at the Friday night session of the Mu-So-Lit and enjoyed the proceedings immensely.

A permit has been issued for the erection of a new building for the Stoddard Baptist Home for the Aged at 302 Bryant street northwest, not far from Howard University. The estimated cost is $12,000. The architect is R. I. Vaughn, of the Armstrong Manual Training School, and the builder is W. A. Kimmel. This home has rendered excellent service for aged colored people and with new and enlarged facilities it will be more and more effective in the work marked out for it.

The Blaine Invincible Club, organized more than a quarter of a century ago by the late Col. Perry H. Carson, is to place a monument over the grave of Former Mayor Saylee J. Bowen, who took a deep interest in the welfare of the club during his incumbency as chief magistrate of the District. J. W. Jackson, president of the Invincibles, has the arrangements in charge.



R. T. Browne, founder of the strong Brotherhood of Christian Young Men's Organization of St. Mark's M. E. Church, of New York.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON PROTESTS AGAINST THE MONTICELLO (GA.) LYNCHING.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 18.—The New York World of yesterday, January 17, contains the following telegraphic response to an inquiry from the New York World for an expression of opinion regarding the Monticello, Georgia, lynching from Booker T. Washington, the Tuskegee educator and leader.—Editor, New York World, New York City.

As an American citizen proud of his country and its history, I am shocked beyond measure to learn from your telegram of the lynching of two colored men and two colored women for whipping a policeman at Monticello, Georgia. You ask me for an expression of opinion. I can only say that I feel that such acts of lawlessness are in the highest degree unfortunate and hurtful. They cast a blot upon our civilization. I feel there can be no excuse for such an outrageous and unlawful act. The community of state that permits such lawlessness is bound to suffer before the public opinion of the world, and it is useless to invite and encourage immigration into any section of our country when such lawlessness is permitted. Every such lynching keeps away hundreds if not thousands of good people who otherwise might be induced to settle in such states or communities. In my opinion there is needed in every community and in every state brave law abiding men who will fearlesly stand for law and order. This necessary in the interest of white people and black people. Even as outrageous as the Monticello lynchings are, I cannot feel that the Negro is the one most injured, but instead those guilty of perpetrating such outrages against law and order. I always condemn, as I do now, lawlessness on the part of my people, but I have never felt that breaking the law on the part of one person justified other persons also in breaking the law. We have gone a long ways from lynching for rape to lynching women for whipping a man, and I cannot but believe that the courts would have punished these people after regular and proper trials. The conscience of the American people, North and South, will be stirred by such offenses as the one here referred to and I am glad to say that there are brave and liberal men in all parts of the South such as Governor Emmett O'Neal of Alabama and others as well who represent a growing disposition to condemn and prevent the lynching of human beings.

(Signed) BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

IN OLD PADUCAH.

A. M. C's. Conduct Soul-Winning Revival—Tobacco Market Awakening—An Honorable Soldier Enters the Beyond—Dr. Van J. Davis Cranks His New Studebaker—Things Theatrical—What Cupid Did—Prof. G. W. Jackson Goes to Zanesville.

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 North Seventh St.)

PADUCAH, Ky., Jan. 21.—The past several weeks the A. M. E. church (Burke's chapel) has been earnestly engaged in successful revival. Many converts have been added to the chapel.

Since last October and November most of the tobacco factories and warehouses have had their doors closed, but to the delight of the several hundred tobacco workers, grocery men and merchants, these rehandlers, manufactories and steamers have resumed operation. All are not working full time, yet three days a week helps more than no time at all.

Sunday, January 10, the funeral of Mr. Green Gray was largely attended at Burke's chapel. It is said that this honorable man was a member of the chapel for more than forty years. He was also a soldier of the Civil War. Hundreds of persons had no regret for being of his acquaintance. Rev. J. W. Hall preached the funeral. He leaves a wife and other relatives. A. W. Watkins & Co., directed the funeral.

Dr. Van Davis, our ex-assistant city physician, has purchased a new enclosed auto, built by the Studebakers. After cranking his car, only a few high points on the avenue he hits.

Theatricals are a bit quiet. The Star, vaudeville, is now dark, and has been since the first of the year. The Arcadia, after being in darkness more than a month, is now showing pictures. The Desberger brothers are the managers.

It was about December 22, 1914, that Cupid got busy and so ordered that his two victims should live as one. Mr. William Dawson and Miss Jenette Davis are the noted victims. The principals have lived here more than a few years. As a result of their sociability, scores of acquaintances count as that many friends. Miss Jenette is a specialist in hair manufacture and treatment. Rev. W. E. Spillman performed the ceremony at the bride's home, Eighth and Adams streets. Mr. Dawson is employed by the Jake Biederman Grocery Company, at 708 South Sixth street. Many congratulations are theirs.—The Freeman.

Prof. G. W. Jackson, for several years principal of Lincoln High School, has left the city and has accepted the superintendency of Lincoln school in Zanesville. His friends regret to see him leave the Paducah school, yet are glad to know that he has a better position.

Mr. Ulyses Kevil is instructor in Prof. Jackson's room, yet Miss Mamie Ganaway is rendering a principal's duty. During Prof. Jackson's term Miss Ganaway was assistant principal and has been asked to accept the first position, but for some reason Miss Ganaway has not accepted. It is generally stated Miss Ganaway is well qualified for the position mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hester, of Backman street, are visitng relatives in St. Charles, Ky. They are to be gone till spring.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.

Lawyer Bell, of this city, returned home after a short stay in St. Louis, where he had been transacting business. .. Revival is in progress at the Independent Baptist church, being conducted by the Rev. Dudley Hunt, of this city. .. Mrs. Emma Montgomery, formerly a resident of this city, is very ill at her new home in Los Angeles, Cal. .. The Silver Leaf Club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fields and had a delightful meeting. .. George Lamb, the local colored boxer, leaves for Omaha for his coming engagement with Jockey Moore.

NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

A Whole Negro Family Exterminated at the Hands of a Blood-Thirsty Mob at Monticello, Georgia

SOUTHERN CHIVALRY REBUKED BY LYNCHING!

Memorial Services to be Held at St. Marks' Lyceum Sunday Afternoon for Miss Grace Dodge, the Noted Philanthropist—The Negro Post Card Company is One of the New Race Enterprises Recently Launched—Freeman Representative to Make Investigation of Georgia Lynching—General Notes.

Allen's National News Bureau.
252 West 53rd Street.

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 17.—Southern chivalry was rebuked, prepared but hollow mockery, when a mob of one hundred white men stormed the jail at Monticello, Georgia, and took therefrom a Negro family and lynched them. Taking the law in their own hands, and defying all sense of justice and fair play, the mob rushed the sheriff of the little county jail and took out Don Barber and his family, consisting of a son, and two daughters, and lynched them to the nearest tree. One by one this family met their fate at the hands of an infuriated mob whose bloodthirsty revenge was not satisfied until they saw their victims breathe out their lives. It was one of the most outrageous lynchings that ever occurred in this country, and places a blot upon the name of the state of Georgia, which wil ltake generations to outlive. Information reached this bureau that the lynching was based wholly upon malice and a desire to stir up race feeling. After the lynching the bodies of the victims were riddled with bullets. According to information that reached this bureau, Don Barber was charged with running a moonshine whiskey still in his cabin; and on being reported Chief Police J. P. Williams ordered their arrest. Resisting arrest fire was opened on Williams, which resulted into a turmoil which aroused the surrounding county. Soon a mob found its way to the jail where they were taken by the sheriff, and carried out and lynched. The family was lynched simply on a charge without proof, and for resisting arrest. What makes the deed so horrible, is that it witnessed the spectacle of women of the race mistreated in this brutal fashion by this Southern mob. In the opinion of many your correspondent has talked with this lynching is unparalleled in the annals of the many lynchings that occur in the Southern states, and that it will do much to provoke the better elements of the two races in the South to protest against this outrage.

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Memorial Services to Grace Dodge.

Sunday afternoon, at the St. Marks' Lyceum, memorial services will be held for Miss Grace Dodge, the noted philanthropist, who died recently, and who was such a staunch friend to Negro institutional work. Miss Dodge was a contributor to the work of the colored branches of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. and also the National League on Urban Condition among Negroes. The memorial services will be held under these organizations and representatives from these organizations will speak. Since the death of Miss Dodge the institutions named have suffered much from being cut from the annual donation of Miss Dodge. During the joint campaign conducted by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. to raise $400,000 for the Y. M. C. A. work, Miss Dodge donated $5,000 to the colored work. A large number of representative colored citizens will be present.

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Correspondent Will Investigate Lynching.

Your correspondent will make a thorough investigation of the outrageous lynching that occurred in Georgia last week. He will write to members of the community in and around the scene of the lynching to ascertain the correct facts in the case. The reason for this is that from time to time the reports from the Associated Press have been unfair and in many cases have done the race an injustice. A letter will also be sent the Governor of the State of Georgia.

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Negro Post-Card Company.

One of the most notable race enterprises in this city, and one which is doing much to inspire race pride, is the J. Griffith Art Company, at 36 Beekman street. The purport of this company is to manufacture calendars, fans, and souvenir post-cards of Negro subjects. The company has designed some striking calendars based on Negro life, and their output of calendars for the year of 1915 are some of the most original that have appeared. The company was organized in 1912 and since then the company has put out over 65,000 calendars, etc., based on Negro life. Among the calendars for this year is one showing a happy Negro family, and that of a colored youth scaling the ladder of fame. In talking to your correspondent last week Mr. Griffith stated that he hoped to make the work of the company far-reaching in its influence, and that he hoped some good would be done to inspire the race to love its own.

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General Notes.

Dr. Booker T. Washington was in Chicago last week. The Tuskegeean was on his accustomed rounds of the country.

The revival at the various churches of the city are doing well. Most of them will continue through the month. As far as your correspondent has been able to learn but very few of the pastors have called in assistants.

Gerald G. Baldwin gave an interesting stereopticon lecture at the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. It was much enjoyed by the young men.

Rev. Dr. Charles T. Walker, of Augusta, Ga., is due in the city some time this week. He will assist Rev. Dr. Hayes, of Mt. Olivet Baptist church.

According to Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, Monroe Trotter, editor of the Guardian, has been recommended for the Spingarn medal awarded to the man or woman who has done the most for the race during the year.

Your correspondent will take up the discrimination practiced against colored people on the Southern railroads.

Miss Katherine Davis, Commissioner of Correction, and the first woman to hold this office, is advocating equal accommodation in the penal institution for colored girls.

Race journals throughout the country desiring news items from the Metropolis may write this Bureau for terms. It is the aim to make the work of this bureau far reaching, and colored journals are invited to ask for terms.

W. H. Foster, of Howard University, spoke before six hundred students recently on the work of the university's chapter on socialism.

Cleveland G. Allen, the New York representative of the Freeman, is doing much for the Freeman in this city. The Freeman has many friends in this city and it is the aim of the representative to build up a good trade for the paper. Among the ardent admirers of the Freeman is "Jolly" John Larkin, the well known Negro comedian.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mr. Ray Jackson, of the Sandwich Inn., 1271 East Mt. Vernon avenue, who has just underwent an operation at St. Frances' Hospital, is much better. .. Revival is going on at all the churches of our city and we do hope much success. .. Rev. Starks, of Antioch Baptist church, preached a wonderful sermon Sunday morning and night. He extends a welcome to all and especially to sinners... Rooms for rent—Mrs. M. J. Thornton, 219 North Sixth street; light housekeeping; everything modern and convenient. .. Mrs. Luellan Stewart, who has been suffering from a broken arm, is improving nicely. .. All Columbus is much worked up over the address of Dr. Spingarian, who spoke at the Chamber of Commerce, January 11. He also spoke at the Ohio State University December 12. Crowds from all near-by towns thronged to hear Dr. Spingarian. .. For a neat and convenient room, apply at Mrs. G. W. Cobb's, 226 North Fifth street, Columbus, O. Terms reasonable.

STREATOR, ILL.

Mrs. Lizzie Carpenter has been on the sick list the last few days. .. Mrs. Minnie Gardner has our deepest sympathy in the loss of her brother, Geo. Willber, who she brought from Peoria, Ill., to her home to care for, but it was only a few short days until the end. Mrs. Gardner did all a sister could do to make his last days happy. Mrs. Gardner is of the Kong King Company. .. Mrs. Helen Brown went to Danville, Ill., to see her husband last week. .. A. M. E. church banquet Thursday night was well attended. The speakers were J. H. Simmons, F. W. Tensley, J. D. Dilinger. The stuarts report that $61 was cleared. .. Little Elma Simmons is home again after spending five months visiting her cousin, Edna B. Simmons, Kansas City. .. Felix Crowe has a father in Owensburg, Ky., whose name is Uriah Crowe. A card addressed to Felix Crowe, 609 E. Main street, Streator, Ill., will find me.

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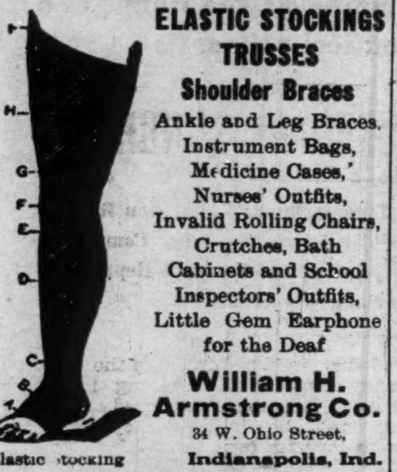

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Notes From Washington, D. C.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

Washington, D. C., Special.

The public schools of Washington, white and colored, will be represented by an exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

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Mrs. B. F. Watson, the beloved wife of the secretary of the Church Extension Board of the A. M. E. church, is dead, after a long and painful illness. The funeral services were held Wednesday at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, Rev. C. H. Stepteau officiating, assisted by many of the leading ministers of various denominations. Mrs. Watson was a woman of fine character, helpful disposition and was an enthusiastic worker for the cause of Christ in her home and in the church. Her passing is deeply deplored by all who had the good fortune to know her.

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Washington has been a veritable Cupid's garden during the past month or so. More marriages of well-known people have taken place in that time than the city has ever known in a similar period. Some of the more prominent alliances have been: C. H. Baughman, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Miss Rosa Belle Childs; Dr. Hugh M. Gray, of Arlington, Va., and Miss E. Pearl Lewis; Jesse H. Foster and Miss Ella R. Jones; Dr. W. H. Green, of Newark, N. J., and Miss Ruth Grimshawe, and W. Calvin Chase, Jr., and Miss Bertha Abigal Smallwood. Other couples will follow in rapid succession. If there are any "hard times" in the nation's capital the activities in the matrimonial market do not reveal them.

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"Howard Night," always a big annual event, will be observed by the Bethel Literary and Historical Association some time in February, the exact date yet to be announced. The meeting was to have been held several weeks ago, but was postponed on account of the absence from the city of President S. M. Newman, who made such a long and highly successful tour of the middle west in the fall in the interest of the school. "Howard Night" this year will show some new features and the leaders say it "will take the rag off the bush" for genuine fun, philosophy, information and "college spirit." There will be eloquent speeches, new songs and thrilling yells.

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Miss Marie A. D. Madre, distinguished as a teacher in the public schools of Washington, a graduate of the law department of Howard University and four times president of Bethel Literary and Historical Association, delivered an emancipation day address recently at York, Pa., and captivated the immense audience that turned out to hear her. The York Daily Gazette, speaking of Miss Madre's remarkable deliverance, said: "Not since the issuance of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation has such a deep interest been shown in the Negro question here as was manifested when this learned Negro lawyer spoke. A modern 'Portia' was at the bar, pleading the cause of a race."

RICHMOND, KY.

Recent Deaths Among Us.

(By J. W. Cobb.)

Mr. Geo. Blythe died January 2. Funeral was held at the First Baptist church, January 4th, conducted by Rev. T. H. Broaddus. .. Mr. Bess Walker, son of Mr. John Walker, died at Peoria, Ill., Friday, January 8, after a few days' illness. Funeral was conducted by Rev. T. H. Broaddus at the First Baptist church, this city, Sunday, January 10. .. Mr. Robert Chenault, one of the pioneer members of the Calvanist Baptist church, died in Cincinnati, O., Sunday, January 10. Funeral was held at the Calvanist Baptist church, Tuesday, January 12, conducted by Rev. T. Thompson, Rev. Hughes and T. H. Broaddus. .. Mrs. Edna Candler continues seriously ill at her residence on East Main street. .. Mr. W. D. Thompson, Jr., is on the sick list. .. Mrs. Mable Jones continues to improve. .. Mrs. Mollie Miller entertained the Ladies' Embroidery Club at her residence on B street, January 7. .. The Music Club met with Mrs. Maggie Wilson on January 4th... Mrs. Amanda Hugher, Mrs. Susie Victor and husband, and Miss Alberta Mitchell, of Indianapolis, were in the city attending the burial of their brother and uncle. .. Mr. Harry Brinston is in the city after an absence of thirteen years. .. Mr. John W. Cobb is the agent for the Freeman. All news for publication should be left at his residence, 302 First street, not later than Tuesday for the week's issue. You will find the Freeman always on sale. Price 5 cents.

ORLANDO, FLA., NEWS ITEMS.

Business Is Picking Up in the City of Beauty and Health.

(By Marcellus Henderson.)

Special to the Freeman:

The holiday season is over and everybody is getting down to work. Hundreds and even thousands of visitors are coming for the season. Many of them are buying property here for winter homes, while others are purchasing farm and vegetable property. .. Business among the colored people continues good. We have among our most prosperous business men, Mr. W. E. Jordan, Geo. E. Williams, J. W. James, all grocery merchants; F. W. Rutherford and Mr. Floyd, Fred Lee, Joseph Jordan and Wm. Jackson, as barbers for colored people; Messrs. James Harris, A. Jackson, E. Whitehead, barbers for the white trade only. .. Mr. J. A. Colyer, the theatre leading for colored, is doing a fine business at his same building, and every night the seats are occupied. .. Colyer & Willams are the real leaders in the tailoring business. They do the largest made-to-order business of any house in the city. A couple of weeks ago Mr. Geo. H. Mays, Jr., was in the city and among other compliments, paid the highest to the Colyer & Williams tailoring shop. This place works about ten people every week and often more... We have among us a real genius in the person of Mr. D. B. Curtis. Practically educated in law, he is a farmer at present and a high class tinner. He is steady in everyday life and hard to beat at the bar of justice. .. Mrs. Pearl Reece, formerly of Waycross, Ga., made a holiday trip to her former home and was complimented to a rtip pass to Montgomery, Ala., by her brother. She has just returned to Orlando. Her husband, Mr. Frank Reece, is a cook at the Orlando Hotel. .. Mr. Fred Nixon is with the St. Charles Hotel for the season. He was formerly employed at the Tremont Hotel during the summer and is highly thought of in his position. He has as his second Mr. W. H. Harris of Jacksonville. Mr. Harris and his family are stopping at the home of Mrs. Henderson. .. Rev. J. S. Braswell was taken seriously ill last Sunday night. He was revived through the efforts of Dr. Thompson, and the same doctor advised him to go away to some quiet place on a vacation and rest up. Rev. Braswell has been a hard worker for the uplift of his people. .. The Colored State Teachers' Association met during the holidays at Lakeland, Fla. Prof. L. C. Jones, who is principal of the public school, this city, is president and reports the session as the best for many years... Rev. J. S. Braswell, pastor of Mt. Olive A. M. E. church, is to be congratulated on organizing a savings club for those who would join. Since the organization several others of similar character have been organized. The object is to get people to start persons with a small sum and increase weekly for fifty weeks. .. Orlando is one of the few cities in the state that have a colored policeman We have one here whose record is clean after more than a year's service. He is Mr. Tom Garland. .. Mr. H. F. Thomas, one of our prominent citizens, has recently put in a nice stock of groceries. Mr. Thomas owns two nice houses, one a business house and the other a large residence. .. Mr. Jeff Wilbourn, who would have been 80 years old next March, died last Monday and was buried Wednesday from the Episcopal church. He leaves a wife, one son, a daughter and a sister. .. Mrs. F. L. Proctor, one of the teachers in the city school, made a visit to Greenville, the former home of her husband, during the holidays. Mrs. Proctor is one of our esteemed teachers... Mrs. M. A. Jerkins, wife of M. A. Jerkins, an employe in the Chicago postoffice, is expected to visit Editor and Mrs. M. G. Henderson for four months beginning February 5. .. Your representative is doing all he can to make a big circulation for the Freeman. Let us have a big circulation here for the Freeman.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(By B. H. Burnitt.)

Miss Katherine Trindell, of 216 North Cleveland avenue, who has been sick for several days, is able to be out again.

Thousands of people were awaiting the arrival of Dr. Springman, of New York, who was scheduled to speak at Chamber of Commerce January 12, in behalf of the colored people.

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Mrs. Rachel Earns, age 45, of Sellsville, and a constant member of Antioch Baptist church, died at her home Friday morning January 8, 1915. She leaves a husband and eight children, also scores of friends to mourn her loss. Mrs. Earns was well known in the community being born about a mile from where she died and was from a prominent family. Funeral services were held at Antioch Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Starks officiating. Burial in Union cemetery.

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EARLINGTON, KY.

Miss Maxie Foster entertained her girl friends at dinner January 3rd in honor of Misses Lucile Garrett and Iola Osborne, who left for Frankfort, Ky., State Normal. .. Quite a number of people were on the sick list last week, among them being Misses Thomas Byars and James Dunlap, Mrs. Lizzie Denwooty, Mrs. Lottie Adkins, Mrs. Lizzie Warfield, Mrs. Miller, Hardgraves, Mrs. Georgia Talley, Mrs. Lucy Hughes, Mrs. Sallie Stockard, Mrs. Lizzie Renfrow, Mrs. Almonta Bell and Mrs. Lois Thomas. .. Mrs. Martha Mimms, of Madisonville, was called to rest last Saturday night at a ripe age. She was a member of colored M. E. church, where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon. The church is in mourning over the last of Mother Mimms. .. Elder L. F. Howard held his quarterly meeting last Sunday. .. At Prof. Park's restaurant you will not only find the good things to satisfy your appetite, but also to read, so include in your bill of fare the Freeman, which is on sale there. .. Mrs. Gertrude Porter entertained at dinner several of her friends Sunday the 3rd. Among them were Rev. Waters, Rev. and Mrs. Sebree, Mr. and Mrs. Henry King, Miss O. B. Hawkins and Miss Josie Pritchett.

NEGRO AUTHORS CALLED TO MEET.

Like other races, the Negro is struggling to leave the impress of his genius upon the lofty summit of the accredited printed page. The Americans have their Lowell and Wm. Dean Howell. The English their Shakespeare, Tennyson and Kipling. The French their Victor Hugo and Dumas. The Russians their Tolstoi and Rushkin. The Germans their Maeterlinck and Goethe, etc.

Progress has thus been heralded to the centuries by no less great factor than the printed book, dealing with tradition, manners, customs, tastes, racial traits and habits, enlightening mankind, while depicting the upward trend of the human soul in every variety of intellectual grandeur extolling their virtues and ambitions. In fifty years our race has given to the reading world several hundred volumes of books,

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Some with ornaments of rhyme."

Many have pleased the intellectual pride of the reading public, while attesting forcibly to the serious, sober mein of an interested race, attracted by all the uplifting principles of civilization that nurture obligation and responsibility.

It is our duty to impress the rest of mankind by our collective effort in a national meeting that "in life's small things we can be resolute and great, or when Fate our measure takes, or when she'll say to us, 'I find thee worthy.'"

At a meeting of Negro authors of America in 1893, during the World's Fair in Chicago, which was attended by Hon. Frederick Douglass, Dr. Alexander Crumwell, Mrs. N. F. Mossell, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, John Mercer Langston, Prof. J. M. Gregory, Bishop B. W. Arnett, Lawyer E. A. Johnson, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Dr. M. A. Majors, W. H. A. Moore, Mrs. Frank Grunke, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, and Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, the following officers were elected: Rt. Rev. Benjamin W. Arnett, president; Dr. M. A. Majors, vice-president; Paul Lawrence Dunbar, secretary; E. A. Johnson, historian and compiler; Mrs. N. F. Mossell, correspondng secretary.

Now, after a lapse of twenty-two years, although death has called from labor several of the charter officers of the organization, it rather remains for the living to carry forward the work, having as a neucleus those who are now living.

With the end of perpetuating a noble work, and holding in sacred remembrance the last act of those whose names the association cherishes as a rich heritage, the very pressing call is made for a national meeting of the Negro Authors of America to convene in Chicago, Ill., in the month of August, 1915, date to be given later.

Respectfully,
M. A. MAJORS, M. D.,
President.
4709 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

Signed—Prof. Richard T. Gruner, Hon. Geo. W. Ellis, Editor T. Thos. Fortune, Prof. Kelly Miller, Dr. Booker T. Washington, Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, Major Jno. R. Lynch, Dr. W. S. Scarborough, Dr. W. A. Sinclair, W. H. A. Moore, Dr. H. T. Kealing, Hon. Geo. L. Knox.

NEWS OF SHREVEPORT, LA.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Red Cross Aid Society are still having success and will be heard from after the reports of their next meeting.

Messrs. Chas. Hamilton and John Sanders, trap drummer and trombonist of the Echo orchestra, enjoyed great sport in forest last week on a three days' hunting trip over in Texas around and about Marshall. The boys brought back a bunch of game.

Mr. Henry L. Jackson, pianist of Kansas City, Mo., is in his sixth month, indefinite engagement at the Star theater. Mr. Jackson has made quite a number of friends by his genteel manner and diligent work, which has proven satisfactory with Mr. Porter, his manager, and the audience. He is also bass drummer with the Caddo band, which strengthens it greatly by having such a competent man on such an important instrument.

Mr. W. J. Leviston, cornetist and manager of Caddo B. & O., was at last successful in enlarging and engaging the old Pastime Hall, which is now the Caddo Hall, for his dances every Monday and Friday nights. Chas. J. Harris extends best wishes to all friends in and out of the profession.

SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF DANVILLE, ILL.

Mrs. Fannie Stewart has returned from Covington, Ind., where she attended a family reunion Jan. 3d, at the home of her mother.

Miss Pearl Turner returned from Mt. Vernon, Ill., where she visited her parents during the holidays.

Mr. Lloyd Smith has returned from Marshall, Ill., where he visited his parents.

Mr. Benj. Nunn returned from Henderson, Ky., where he visited his parents during the holidays. On his return he stopped over in Evansville. While there he was the guest of Miss Bernice Merritt, and attended the Bachelor Banquet which was one of the most elaborate affairs of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of East Madison, entertained a few members of the Waiters' Whist Club Friday evening. After the games a dainty luncheon was served.

Mr. B. O. Speakes, who visited in St. Louis, Mo., has now returned and is employed at the Plaza.

Dotson & Gordon, who played at the Lyric the latter part of last week, stopped with Mrs. Newby, of Van Buren street while in the city.

Miss Minnie Cheatham left Monday night for Nashville, Tenn., where she entered Walden Uuniversity.

Rev. J. W. Waller fell Monday and slightly injured himself.

The Young Men's Lecture Bureau met at Thompson's shoe shop Monday evening.

Mrs. Kenshaw was called to Louisville, Ky., by the serious illness of her brother.

The Ministers' Alliance met at the Western Ave. church, Vermillion Heights, Tuesday evening. Mrs. M. D. Sharp gave a short lecture on "How to Raise Children."

The Free Will Baptist church is carrying on a series of meeting.

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NEWS OF DAYTON, OHIO.

(By Mrs. Pearl Lawhorn.)

Miss Carrie Sandusky is on the sick list.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Thompson are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Sunday was communion day at the Bethel Baptist church.

Master Houston Davenport is still sick.

You can get The Freeman every Saturday at 321 Norwood avenue.

The Muse-Us Club had a successful meeting Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lawhorn. The next meeting will be at Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson's, 325 West Fifth street.

The Smart Set show played here Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The colored people turned out well.

Everyone is looking forward to a big time Thursday evening when the Retail Clarks' Social Club gives their fourth grand ball at the Colonial dancing academy.

NEWS OF CENTRAL CITY, KY.

A delightful program was rendered last week at the public school and enjoyed by a large crowd... Our school is progressing nicely under the supervision of Mrs. S. L. Campbell, of Drakesboro, Ky., who has the honor of being the only teacher in the county holding a life certificate. .. Mr. Winton Robinson and daughter, Roxey, are both quite ill at their home in Galilee. .. Mr. Gordon Ford is sick with la grippe. .. Mrs. Dukes and Miss Florence Moseley, of Hartford, Ky., returned home Tuesday, after visiting relatives here... The Ladies, Improvement Club met at Mrs. Annie Collier's Wednesday afternoon. After a pleasant meeting the club adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Wilson. .. Mrs. Rosa Carson is confined indoors this week, suffering with a severe attack of la grippe. .. Mrs. Martha Young and daughter, Mattie, have returned from Mitchelville, Tenn., where she has been visiting her son. .. To all coming to Central City, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Jenkins await in their new hotel to serve you. .. The Parent and Teacher Association are holding interesting meetings on each Friday afternoon at the school building, which are being the means of greatly improving school conditions here. .. Mr. John Lewis Wales, of Frankfort, Ky., passed through en route to Cleaton, Ky., where he will substitute in school for Miss Wilina Pearson, who is quite sick at her home, Midway, Ky. .. Mr. John Gray had a severe paralytic stroke Sunday, but is resting easier at this writing. .. Miss Blanche Conquest spent several days with her parents and has returend to her school, Atkinson College, Madisonville, Ky.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

(By Henry Stone.)

Mr. Henry McCallister, of North Tenth street, was taken seriously ill Sunday and is not expected to live.

Mrs. Tob Smith, of North Fourteenth and One-half street and Elizabeth avenue, is still on the sick list.

Mrs. Salone Dixon, of North Fourteenth street, is fast improving from an attack of lung trouble.

The funeral of Mr. Abe McDougle, who died Friday night from his residence of South Thirteenth street, was held from Soulters M. E. Chapel Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock p. m. The Rev. W. H. Renfro conducted the funeral. Mr. McDougle has been sick about a year suffering with the dropsy. He was formerly on the police force for a number of years, and had a host of friends and relatives. He leaves a wife, three sisters and brothers to mourn his loss.

The drama that was to be given at the Odd Feillows Hall, Sixteenth and Wabash avenue, the 29th of December, has been set for January 29, 1915.

Miss Ada Locket, of 817 North Tenth street, has been on the sick list but is now improving.

WORDS OF PRAISE FOR THE FREEMAN STAFF.

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January 12, 1915.

To the Editor of The Freeman, Indianapolis:

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D. A. BETHEA, M. D.

A CALL TO BUSINESS MEN.

E. W. D. Welch, secretary of the National Retail Merchants' Associatoin, an affiliation of the National Negro Business League, has issued a request that all colored retail dealers communicate with him at once. Mutual helpfulness is the purpose of this organization. Mr. Welch may be addressed at Dallas, Texas.—National Negro Business League.

We are personally acquainted with Mr. Welch and can truthfully say that he is the right man for the position. He is making strenuous effort to bring his department up to the standard. He needs, however, the co-operation of Negro business men all over the country and they should not be slothful in lending a helping hand to so laudable a purpose.—J. G. G.

AUGUSTA, GA.

Theodore J. Walker, while at work, was injured on the elevator but is doing nicely and is visiting Miss Katie M. Richardson, of Gracewood, Ga.

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Gem Stock Co., Triumph in the New Columbia Theater, Playing Southland, Under the Management of Burton Bros.—Parker Sage, a Prominent Citizen, Committed Suicide. State Normal Students' Cases Laid Over to the April Term of Court.

(By Hardin Tolbert.)

The Gem Stock Company of musical performers under the management of Burton Bros., proprietors of the Lexington New Gem Theater. This stock company is composed of some of the best theatrical actresses selected from other shows under a special contract for the year of 1915. They have played the role of the star from the companies they originated from, en route to the Indianapolis Crown Garden theater. They are playing a blind week here which is indeed a rare treat to the theater-goers to have such high-class performers. It was through Mr. Paul Lankfort, better known as Pick-Doo, that they are here, who is the assistant manager to Mr. Ellword Arnold, who is putting the New Columbia into the limelight. Mr. William Henry is proprietor of the Gem Stock Company. After playing at Indianapolis they will play at the Grand in Chicago. They have a clever wardrobe and are very artistic on the stage. Morese Warfield, the black face comedian, Robert Bramlett, playing straight, Mrs. Madaline Cooper, original Kinkedo, Mrs. Lorett Warfield and Miss Marguerite Rick, singing and dancing. .. Mr. Parke Sage, a prominent citizen, committed suicide in the residence of Mr. Russell McRay, wtih whom he was employed as valet. Mr. Sage was highly respected. The funeral service was held at Mrs. J. C. Brown's residence. He left a widow and a host of friends to mourn his remains. .. The students who were arrested for "breach of the peace," warrants sworn out by President Russell of the K. N. & I. I. The cases of the tsudents who appealed to the higher courts, were laid over to the April term of court. .. Mrs. George W. Martin has returned from Huntington, W. Va., where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Z. L. Davis... The writer will turn the X-ray on the progress of Shelbyville, Ky. .. Miss Mary Hallie Viniger was the hostess of a unique entertainment in honor of Mrs. Alice Jones, of Louisville. The guests were, Mrs. Mary L. Webster, Mrs. Richard Holder, Mr. and Mrs. T. Childs, Mr. Richard Ward and Mrs. Susie Pampking, Mrs. Christena Bryant, Mrs. Evens Burton, Mr. Paul Lankfort, Miss Bessie Cox, Mr. Joe Sanders, Miss Sylvester Love and Mr. Joe Bean. A five-course menu was served after the piquet party, and every one was much elated over the repast. .. Prof. W. H. Mayo, principal o fthe Clinton Street High School, editor of Masonic Herald, has returned from the north where he spent the yuletide among his friends. .. Misses Louise Reid, Lettie Todd and Mrs. Annie T. O'Neal have returned from Indianapolis, Ind., where they have been the guests of Miss Eugena Dant. .. Mr. Joe Timberlake, the father of Mr. C. L. Timberlake, Mr. Ben Timberlake, his uncle, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Timberlake, from Flemingsburg. .. Dr. C. A. Tutt left for Richmond.

TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The annual Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Wednesday, January 20, 1915. In addition to the meeting in the Institute Chapel an Agricultural parade, to start from Millbank Agricultural building at ten o'clock, will feature possibilities of agriculture as carried on by the Tuskegee Institute, and the Farm Demonstration work of the National Government. A series of contrasts will indicate the agriculture of the past with the present. A beginning in this direction was made last year but the parade for 1915 promises to be more thoroughly instructive and will include many features not included in last year's parade.

The Conference program has been arranged with special reference to assisting the Negro farmers to get in a position so that they can best cooperate with the agencies which are working to improve farming and financial conditions in the South.

The morning session of the Conference will be held at eleven o'clock, in the Chapel, and the subject decided upon for discussion is: "How I am Meeting the Present Hard Times."

1. By raising my own food supplies.

What I am raising to eat: 1. In my yard. 2. In my garden. 3. In my orchard. 4. In my field. 5. In my pasture.

II. By growing things to sell.

What I am raising to sell: 1. In my yard. 2. In my garden. 3. In my orchard. 4. In my field. 5. In my pasture.

III. Organized efforts: 1. To assist in growing food supplies. 2. To assist in preparing corn, oats, etc., for market. 3. To assist in getting better markets for crops other than cotton.

The Workers' Conference.

The Workers' Conference is to be held Thursday, January 21st. The subject elected for discussion is: "The Schools and the 'Hard Times' Situation."

1. How the "hard times" situation has affected our community. 2. What our school is doing to help our community in the present financial situation. (a) To get temporary relief. (b) To get permanent relief. (c) The opportunity that the present situation offers to teach the saving habit. (d) The opportunity of the present situation for initiating and increasing school extension work.

A number of special invitations have been extended important citizens of the South, white and colored, to be present and speak at the Workers' Day Conference—among others, Mr. J. T. Hollerman, of Atlanta, on the subject, "Cotton Raising and the Present Economic Situation." It is also proposed to invite a successful colored cotton farmer to tell what he is planning to do with respect to cotton during the coming year.

A representative of the financial interests of the South will be invited to address the Conference on "The Financial Situation from the Standpoint of Credit." Invitations will be extended Mr. G. L. Comer, of Eufaula, President of the Alabama Bankers' Association and Mr. R. M. Hobbie, a wholesale grocery merchant, of Montgomery, Alabama, through whose intelligent direction many Alabama farmers are planning to turn to wheat raising next year instead of cotton raising. It is planned in connection with the general subject of Credits, Advances, etc., to ask a colored banker, Mr. J. O. Ross, President of the Atlanta State Savings Bank, himself a planter, to speak on the subject of "Credits and Advances."

A series of charts contrasting cotton and other crops in the South will be put on exhibition during both the Annual Farmers' Conference and the Workers' Conference.

A cordial invitation is extended farmers throughout the South, and those interested in their progress, Presidents and Principals of Colleges, Universities and Industrial Schools being conducted in the interest of Negro education, to be present and take part in the discussion of the important subjects mentioned above.

LANE COLLEGE NEGRO FARMERS' CONFERENCE.

Special to the Freeman.

JACKSON, Tenn., January, 1915.—The annual Lane College Negro Farmers' Conference will be held at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., Thursday and Friday, February 25 and 26, 1915. This conference has become a factor of great power for the uplift of the people. Its sessions are always full of interest not only to the farmers but to preachers, teachers, the doctors, business men and all others who are doing constructive work among the people. At the forthcoming session, subjects of great importance will be discussed. Because of the stringency of the times, the work of the Conference this year promises to be unusually helpful.

"Is the one-crop method of farming (supported by the tendency of the age toward specialization) responsible in a measure for the present financial "straights" in which so many farmers find themselves? Would diversified farming—such as is possible in this section of our country—give an income from a multiplicity of sources instead of a bare living from one source, as is often claimed?" The economic principles on which the above mentioned questions must be answered will be fully exposed during the session of the conference.

Diseases among cattle, their treatment and cure, a market for the crops and crops for the market, conservation of health among Negroes, how the churches and schools may be made more efficient in their work are subjects that will be discussed in an interesting and thorough manner.

As heretofore, the government will send experts to address the conference and seed for free distribution.

The new feature of the conference work this year is a session for religious and educational workers. This grows out of an earnest desire on the part of a great many teachers and preachers to meet and confer in an open and frank way as to how they may help each other. More will be said regarding this phase of the work in a later announcement.

TAMPA, FLORIDA.

Prof. Talbot I. Vesta has been giving a series of recitals at the various churches. His poetical compositons are praiseworthy. .. Lawyer Daniel W. Perkins has opened up his law offices in the Strickland building. .. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose have moved into their new home on Ross avenue. .. Mrs. Blanche Armwood Perkins will have charge of the domestic science department of the public schools for colored people. Owing to the crowded condition of the schools, that branch has been installed in the Meacham building. .. Mr. Carl Norton is taking up dentistry at Howard University. .. Mrs. Killix, of Sanford, spent the holidays in the city with friends. .. On January 3, Misses Katie Brown and Anna Holmes gave a luncheon at the home of the former. The same was in honor of Mrs. McLester, of South Carolina. Mrs. McLester has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. J. Edwards. The color scheme was minutely carried out, the same being red and green. Very dainty refreshments were served. The favors were tiny baskets filled with mint. The table was laid with a magnificent lunch set of linen with cut flowers and ferns adorning the center of the table. Those present were, Mrs. Tom McLester, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edwards, Miss Sibyl, Miss Marie Williams, Miss Anna Holmes and Miss Katie Brown. .. Mr. John Williams has returned from Chicago, where he spent the greater part of last summer and fall. The Emancipation Celebration on the first was very fittingly observed. There was a grand street parade ending up at the court house square. Lawyer D. W. Perkins was speaker of the day. Other speakers were Rev. Pitman, G. S. Middleton, P. Hamilton, and J. T. King. The exercises in the evening were held at Allen Temple church. .. The management of the Central Theater is to be commended on the very excellent and refined vaudeville acts given at their place... The majority of the cigar factories resumed their work on the 11th. .. Miss Amelia Sally, one of Harlem Academy's popular teachers, has been confined to her home on account of defective eyesight. .. Mr. George Rodgers has joined the army, and from last reports was stationed at a fort in Arizona. .. Mr. Henry Clinton has had the six acres she owns near Sulphur Springs platted. The plat is in the midst of white district and its estimated value is $15,000. .. The Phillis Wheatley Art Club met at the home of Mrs. M. E. Wyatt on last Wednesday night. .. Mrs. Rachael Williams has been on the sick list... We want to get 100 people to read the Freeman. You can always get a copy from Miss Margaret Howard, the hustling little agent. Get a copy and tell your friends about it.

CHURCH, SOCIETY AND GENERAL NEWS OF PORTSMOUTH, O.

The Sew and Sew Embroidery Club met at the home of Mrs. Jones, on Thirteenth street, and the afternoon was spent in needlework. After business the roll was called as follows: Mrs. M. Fossett, A. Fossett, E. M. Jentery, C. Banks, C. Randall, J. Hollingsworth and M. Marshal, Misses E. Jones, Ester May Tossett and Helen Randall. Afterward a fine lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. Frank Jackson, of New York City, traveling salesman, is stopping at the Banks rooming house this week. He is a very fine young man and we welcome him to our city.

The C. E. meeting at the A. M. E. church, was led by little Ross McConnell and there was a large turn out. The boy had a very successful meeting, and it was a treat to have the children to take the meeting in hand and do so well. May God bless the children.

Mrs. L. Cranshaw is president of the B. Y. P. U. of which Rev. Chapman has been asked to give a series of lectures on how to study the Bible. The lectures are very successful and helpful to the members, both old and young, and all that attend the meeting are well pleased. Rev. Chapman and wife are doing great work here at their church.

Rev. F. Mason, one of our young pastors,whom we are very glad to have here with us, is getting along nicely with his sermons and some day we hope that he will be a great man and save many souls for God. He also is a repairer of all kind of watches, clocks, jewelry, gold and silver plating at 416 Court street.

HAMILTON, OHIO.

The splendid sermons delivered by Rev. Wm. McWilliams, of Cincinnati, O., who is carrying on a revival meeting in Wood Street Baptist church, are well attended, and much interest is shown on the part of the church. The Lord is wondrously blessing his work and through the Holy Spirit he is winning many souls to the Christ.

Mrs. Viola Churchman entertained Monday Mrs. Gertrude Halston, of Columbus and Mrs. Delia McKay, of Oxford, O.

Mrs. Oma Lewis, of Central avenue, is confined to her home with lagrippe.

Mrs. Robert Clark was the guest of Mrs. John Chandler Monday and Tuesday.

Norma Williams and Itee Chandler returned to Wilberforce University, Monday.

Mrs. Horace Hogan with her sister-in-law, Miss Marjorie, left Monday for her home in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. George Williams, of Chestnut street, entertained at dinner Sunday Rev. J. L. Francis and Itee Chandler.

Ralph Kinley, who is confined to his bed with pneumonia, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Dora Davidson met with a painful accident Sunday night on her way home from church, falling and breaking her wrist.

The entertainment which was given Wednesday evening by the choir was well attended, and an excellent program rendered.

Mrs. Ada Clark, of Chicago, formerly of this city, is visiting Mrs. Alfred Nixon, of South Monument avenue, and other friends.

Thursday Afternoon Sewing Club will meet soon to reorganize for the coming season's work.

Mrs. Josephine and Miss Marjorie Hogan entertained Mrs. Russell, of Columbus, Mrs. Bertha Long, Ida Bates and Oda Casey New Year's afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Francis and niece, Miss Clara White, have been very ill, but are much improved at this writing.

NEWS OF OCALA, FLA.

Dr. E. Carrie Mitchell Entertains.

(By M. C. Henderson.)

Miss Jennie LaRoche has returned to the city after spending the holidays in Orlando, with her select friend, Miss Louise Solyer.

Prof. M. D. Pierce has returned to take up his work at the Howard Academy, after spending the holidays in West Grove, Pa. They were not so pleasant. He was attending the burial of his father.

The emancipation celebration and farmers' conference was quite a success. A grand surprise was rendered to the promoters by the appearance of Hon. W. H. Herndon, of Atlanta, Ga., who made a very appropriate talk.

Mr. Levi Alexander will soon be in his new undertaking quarters.

Dr. E. Carrie Mitchell Entertains.

There was a grand reception at the home of Dr. E. Carrie Mitchell, on January 4th, in honor of Mrs. Lula Nelson, of Columbia, S. C., daughter of Bishop W. D. Chappel, of the A. M. E. church. Dr. Mitchell is an entertaining entertainer, and was at her best on above named date, having the Central Florida orchestra to furnish music before and after the elaborate program, which was as follows: Welcome address, by Mr. Geo. Giles (Pres. Met. Realty Co.); selection from Dunbar, by the honored guest; instrumental solo by Mrs. M. C. Henderson; instrumetnal solo, by Miss Mazie Hicks; vocal solo, by Mr. Levi Alexander Jr. (contractor, wood and brick); closing remarks, Mr. D. W. Goodwin (Prof. Goodwin's shoe works). Following the program a dainty course was served.

NEWS OF BOWLING GREEN, KY.

(Mrs. Mary Willie Allen Reed.)

The Ladies' Art Club was entertained last Friday by Miss Sallie Coleman at the residence of Mrs. Ashula Williams. .. The Twentieth Century Art Club was entertained at the residence of Miss Della Gaddy. .. One of the most delightful events of the week was the surprise birthday party given by Mr. William Moxley in compliment to his wife. Mrs. Moxley was the recipient of many handsome presents. The guests, including thirty friends, were delightfully served sherbert, cake and mints. .. Misses Mai Agnes Gorden, Maddie Covington and Virgie Covington have returned to school at Frankfort after spending the holidays with their parents...Miss Pauline Wolf is attending Scotia Seminary at Concord, N. C. .. Mr. Edgar Russell, who has been teaching at Brownsville, was recently the guest of Mr. Charles Taylor. .. Mr. Walker Wilson is visiting in Cincinnati. .. Mrs. Emma Allen will leave next Wednesday to spend the winter in Onland, Fla. .. Mrs. Russell, of Topeka, Kans., is visitng Mrs. Z. K. Jones. .. Miss Pruitt, of Terre Haute, Ind., is visiting her father, Mr. C. T. Pruitt. .. We are glad to have Mrs. Kuykendall and Mrs. Murral, Misses Morton, Carpenter and Mr. Wilson again in the city with us, after having successfully completing their schools in the rural districts. .. Rev. J. L. Drain, of Eminence, has been temporarily called to fill the pulpit of State Street Baptist church. The following installation services were held last Sunday. Welcome address on behalf of the deacon board by Mr. G. R. Vass. Welcome on behalf of the trustee board by Mr. Eugene Loving. Welcome on behalf of the pulpit committee by Miss Martha Slaughter. Welcome on behalf of the Sunday school by Mrs. Lena Jackson. Welcome on behalf of the choir by Mrs. Ashula Williams. Welcome on behalf of the laity by Mr. G. W. Edwards. Welcome on behalf of the officers by Dr. O. D. Porter. Welcome on behalf of the public schools by Prof. E. E. Reed. .. State Street High School has begun its new year's work under most favorable circumstances. Fifty new students have enrolled in the work this year, thus giving the school an enrollment of four hundred and fifty students. This is a high-water mark for the time of year. The school has four well trained basket ball teams in the high school department and plans to hold a series of contests during the winter. .. At chapel exercises each morning short and inspiring talks are given to the students by the teachers and various visitors. Thus the students have pointed out to them some of the highest ideals of life. .. The domestic science and arts departments under Miss Euginia Munday are rendering an excellent service to the school. All the girls in the high school and grammar departments receive instructions here.

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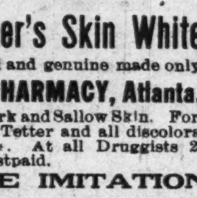

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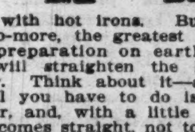

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Haiti has a new president this week; merely in accord with its habit.

As to that San Domingo affair, what's the use of winning elections if you can't find anything for the fellows to do?

We venture the prediction that when the European war is over it will be along long time before they go at it again. The memory of this scrap will do for a century and then some. It ought to do for all time.

That Zeppelin raid by Germany on English cities at last came off. Six English towns were menaced, considerable damage being done in some of them, including loss of life. London is "skeered"—sitting up o' nights.

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The former President Taft addressed the Indiana legislature last Thursday. In his "preliminary" remarks he said, "You are getting down to two parties at any rate, which is less confusing." Evidently he was in the reflective mood.

The Indiana legislature has before it what is called a Eugenics bill. If it passes, individuals that are candidates for the marriage ceremony must produce certificates of good health. The unhealthy ones will have to manage to get along without being married.

In the Southern States there have been reasons for irregular laws. Sentiment demanded it. It was wrong to yield, but expedient. Compromises and civilization are often the same thing. There is no demand for irregular laws or rules at the capital. Congressmen should consider it an opportunity to legislate for all people alike.

Governor Blease of South Carolina pardoned wholesale. It is possible that he may have done some good through it all. If the 3,000 are thoroughly reformed he has done an immense amount of good. It is hardly probable that such will be the case. It would be very interesting to know the history of each of these individuals ten years from the present time—in the interest of the justification of Mr. Blease.

The Savannah Tribune presents a likeness of what it calls the first Negro Baptist church established in America. It resembles somewhat the picture of what some have called Noah's Ark. It is antiquated all right, and looks worthy of the distinction of being among the first churches if not the very first. It was built when the carpenter's art was not in a high state of efficiency among us.

And again Indiana gives promise of being debatable ground for as it concerns the next general election. Already there are signs of getting together for a brilliant assault on the White House in 1916. Many states have promising candidates, and none more so than this state with its Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks, former Vice-President. Mr. Fairbanks is set down as having all of the qualities that make for a President.

President Wilson, seemingly, is being outpointed in Government steamship controversy. His opponents claim that he, if successful, would pave the way for all kinds of international complications—seen and unseen. A point is made that "the United States could not permit such vessels to be stopped and searched on the high seas without a loss of self-respect. It would be compelled to resist such attempts. The people would expect any administration to defend the flag, and would assert themselves in no uncertain manner if the Government weakly yielded to a foreign power."

The Boston Guardian in speaking of the bill passed in the lower House against the marriage of white and colored people says that it is merely to give every white scoundrel license to prey upon our unprotected women. We do not see it that way. We think that a very dangerous view to take of it. It may incidentally give such a license; but we think it wrong to think that is the intent. The object is to keep down amalgamation of the two races. It is just as well to get the corect view of the matter as to cling to something remote, problematical or incidental. We are no less interested, however, than the Guardian in seeing the bill beaten. We are citizens, and as such expect general laws and not those that are special. If we expect to win we must keep this view front, and only this. There is no fear of amalgamation, at least, no tendency or desire on the part of the colored people. That some evidence of it will be noted from time to time will be admitted. We can not see that the Government is called on to keep the races pure. If it is the mutual desire to mix any kind of restraint is a strike at personal liberty. The home is the place to teach marital ethics.

The Senate of the Indiana Legislature this week pased a bill abolishing capital punishment. The vote was close, 27 to 21, yet somewhat remarkable. Laws of the kind—capital punishment and such like—are very hard to erase when once fixed. The tendency of later days, however, is towards reforming men rather than pressing about them a hard and unescapable fate. This seems rather an easy way to deal with a murderer. But society is served when he is no longer a member of it. He is dead, practically, when secure in a prison house. To follow him there with a spirit of vengeance—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and the rest of it—is not the spirit of today. The House may not be so easily moved as the Senate in the matter. But the Senate is in accord with humanitarians and penologists of the age. They are more in for reformation than vengeance.

MR. TROTTER AGAIN.

In St. Paul and Minneapolis Mr. Trotter met with much more success in his lectures than he did in Chicago according to accounts of him coming from those cities. Local conditions have much to do with cases of the kind. We can not say that we are in for the scheme of exploiting the incident with the President merely as such. And, perhaps, Mr. Trotter does not mean it that way. Any agitation against segregation or any civil injustice is right. But the people should not be made to feel that the personal element overshadows the contention. Mr. Trotter should wish to see himself as others see him. We are not willing to say that others see him as profiting by his experience with the President. We are fearful that such an impression will be made, and if so, we are set back in our pretensions for respectful consideration.

Those who essay the role that Mr. Trotter did must be very vigilant lest their motives be mistaken. The fight is not on the President so much as it is to win popular sympathy, the thing that will sustain us in our citizenship above the head of any one man. Mr. Wilson, of course, has great influence, and perhaps, if he cared to, could bring about what is desired—since it is right. It may be, however, the policy on the part of his cabinet and advisers to have conditions just as they are. In that event President Wilson would be merely "stalling" when insisting that what was done was for the best, taking on himself the responsibility for the segregation orders. Such standpatism is all right for the school room—the teachers who must hang together or "hang separately," with their principal as representative.

In politics it is quite different. We can respectfully ask the President, by way of petition or otherwise, to change an order or to have it changed. This should be when it is the proper thing to approach him on. We mean to say that there are some things for which we should not contend overmuch with any man. We are citizens or nothing; if citizens we should make respectful appeal—not to beg or berate. It strikes us that Mr. Trotter is quarreling with Mr. Wilson in his lectures. This is contending over much, when it is not a trait or attribute of Republicanism. If the Democratic administration is against us we are to know what to do with it at the pools. Failing once, or failing once, or more times, we will get up and go it again as the Prohibition party does, which fights it out on the hustings, asking only the ballot box for a decision. The Democratic party has that fine rejuvenating principle; it does not plead; it demands in the name of citizenship.

Mr. Trotter concedes too much to a President when he quarrels with him for not granting rights. In republics we take our rights when strong enough to do so. These are due when not at the expense of others. Failing to obtain them in due time means the vitiation, the devitalizing of the Republican spirit, and which, if becoming chronic, will reach out and encompass all. Mr. Trotter should cling to his cause, and cut away from the President. The incident, of course, was of consequence, but he misunderstands the American presidency if he sees the occupant as a Caesar—the people are king.

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON COLORED METHODIST CHURCHES.

The General Conference Commission on Federation of Colored Methodist Churches in the United States met in the Wiley Memorial Methodist Episcopal church at Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday, January 8th. The commission was called to order by Bishop Thomas B. Neely, the first named bishop on the commission taking the place of Bishop John M. Walden, deceased.

The members of the commission present were Bishops Thomas B. Neely, Philadelphia, Pa., Theodore S. Henderson, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Wilbur P. Thirkield, New Orleans, La.; ministers, Revs. R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La., and J. P. Wragg, Atlanta, Ga.; laymen, I. Garland Penn, Cincinnati, Ohio, and E. H. McKissack, Holly Springs, Miss. Rev. R. E. Gillum, of Mexico, Mo. and L. J. Price of Atlanta Ga., could not be present. The commission permanently organized by electing Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, Chattanooga, Tenn., chairman, and I. Garland Penn, Cincinnati, Ohio, secretary.

Bishop T. B. Neely presented an exhaustive resume of all the legislation of the General Conference of 1904, 1908 and 1912 relating to the creation of the Commission on Federation of Colored Methodists, interpreting what in his judgment was the mine of the General Conference in promoting through the legislation the subject of co-operation, federation and unity of colored Methodists in America. The commission spent some time in debate upon the subject, whereupon a committee was appointed to define the powers and prerogatives of the commission. The committee consisted of Bishops W. P. Thirkield, T. B. Neely and Rev. R. E. Jones.

At the afternoon session the committee made its report which was thoroughly considered and finally adopted unanimously as follows:

Report of Committee.

January 8, 1915.

Whereas, The General Conference of 1904 directed "that the (then) Commission on Federation take such steps as it may deem wise and necessary to bring about a closer unity between the colored Methodist churches having an Episcopal form of government;" the General Conference in 1908 spoke of "the prospective union between the various branches of colored Episcopal Methodism" and instructed "the Commission on Federation to further these results," and made a commission "to confer with similar commissions" of the churches as aforestated and for the purposes named; and the 1912 General Conference affirmed the preceding acts and said: "It is plainly our duty to assist in every practicable way in allaying the competition among the colored Methodist churches and thus increase the efficiency of Methodism's combined service to the Negro race," and the same General Conference ordered a "Commission on the Federation of Colored Churches," "whose duty it shall be to confer with similar commissions, if such shall be appointed from the African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and the Colored Methodist Episcopal churches concerning such questions as may lead to more harmonious cooperation in extending the kingdom of Christ." Therefore be it

Resolved, First, That it is the duty of this Commission on Federation of Colored Churches, first, to promote the union of the Colored Methodist Episcopal churches; second, to further their federation where they are not prepared for organic unity; and, third, to promote fraternity and Christian co-operation.

Resolved, Second, That it is the further duty of this commission to consider such questions as vitally concern our own colored ministry and membership in their relationship to the larger question of the organic union of Methodism.

Resolved, Third, That, in connection with these duties, we recognize the propriety of seeking to avoid unnecessary duplications of churches and educational institutions; to prevent the passing from one denomination to another of improper ministers and members; and to reach wise understandings for the practical welfare and enlarged efficiency of the said churches, including the matter of better preparation for and in the ministry.

Resolved, Fourth, That a committee be appointed to open correspondence with similar commissions of the said colored churches, or, where there are no such commissions, with the churches themselves, or with representative men of the said churches, in order to ascertain what these churches are willing to do in the matter of federation, union and practical co-operation.

(Signed) THOS. NEELY,
Secretary of Committee.

The permanent committee of three, created by resolution four of the above report, was appointed as follows Rev. R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La., J. P. Wragg, Atlanta, Ga., and I. Garland Penn Cincinnati, Ohio. The committee of three was instructed to begin its work at once, to push the same vigorously, and report the progress at another meeting of the commission to be held not later than the summer of 1915.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

A. M. E. Church: Lloyd Douglas, of the University Y. M. C. A., spoke in the morning on "Contrary Winds." ..Rev. Jameson is on a lecture tour and will return from Detroit on Tuesday. .. Sunday School had an unusually large atendance...Mr. St. Elmo Brady, who attends the University, occupied the pulpit in the evening, speaking on "The Education of the Negro in the South." A musical program, under the direction of the choir director, Mr. E. H. Scott, was given in connection.

Salem Church: Services Sunday were fairly well attended. At 11 o'clock in the morning the pastor, J. M. Owens, spoke on "Christian Purity," and at 7:30 in the evening on "Wait On the Lord."

Mrs. Anna Case has returned home after a short visit with Mrs. G. W. Phillips and Mrs. Gladys Maples in Cedar Rapids, Ia. .. The Majestic and The People's Theaters will show the great thoroughfare of State street in Chicago in moving pictures next week. It will be quite a treat to see this wonderful street in moving pictures. .. Read The Freeman and Chicago Defender and keep posted on what this rising race is doing. .. The Knights of Pythias lodge has leased the third floor of the Lloyd building on Main street and have moved. Members of the lodge say it was never in such a flourishing condition as at the present time and they are looking forward to a large increase in membership in their new quarters. .. Mrs. I. B. Thompson, a well-known and highly respected woman in this city, has started a movement among the colored women to organize a Civics Club, to better the conditions among the colored people generally. I think that Mrs. Thompson has started along a needed movement in Champaign. Experience has taught us that the women are much more aggressive in asserting the "rights of the race" than the men are.

OSWEGO, N. Y.

William Turner, of East Second street, has been on the sick list for the past week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Carr was very ill with an attack of grippe. She has improved greatly in the last few days.

Mrs. Turner had a whist party on Thursday night (Jan. 14) and it was well attended. Mrs. Turner and Miss Mahoney as partners, make a combination that the local boys are finding very hard to beat. Turner and Davis, our two best players, are putting up a hard fight to keep in the lead this season.

Young Harmon is back to Fort Ontario. He says that one has to be particular, what flag he sails under in South American waters, so he prefers to be with the old folks while staying is good.

You can get The Freeman at Carr's or Harding, when in Oswego.

NEWS OF DECATUR, ALA.

The First Baptist Sunday school had their election of officers and teachers, January 3d. The following were chosen: A. K. McMath, Supt.; Mr. R. L. Anderson, Asst. Supt.; Miss Lucile Jackson, Sect.; Mr. Carl Sykes, Asst. Sect.; Miss Roxie Moseley, Treas; Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Librarian. Teachers: Class No. 1, Mr. W. W. Patterson; No. 2, Prof. J. A. Wilson; No. 3, Mrs. Annie Houston; No. 4, Rev. A. J. Oliver; No. 5, Mrs. Mary L. Yarbrough; No. 6, Miss Cena P. Moseley; Organist, Miss M. O. Dillard. We hope to do a great year's work for the Lord and man.

Hon. Richard B. Harrison, the great elocutionist, recited in great style on the 13th inst. at the Decatur high school under the auspices of the Cottage Home Infirmary. A splendid audience witnessed the recital.

Mr. Mary L. Yarbrough was in Hillsboro last week visiting relatives and friends.

Prof. E. Z. Mathews, Miss Mary Boman, of Courtland, was in the city this week.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., NEWS.

Mrs. Nathan Hayes and Miss Lula Brown entertained Class No. 12 of Zion Sunday school last Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. J. G. Lee, 108 Garson avenue. After the business was over a sumptuous repast was served by the hostesses.

Mme. Mary W. Hilton has gone to Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Lewis Alston has gone to Albany to take up his duties at the capitol.

W. H. and F. Missionary Society met with Mr. Caloway, 38½ Favor street, last Tuesday evening.

The Y. P. Missionary Society met with Miss Kelly, 353 Tremont street, last Thursday evening. After business, a repast was served by the hostess.

Send in your notes to Wm. H. Green, office 61 Favor street, by Monday noon each week.

Miss LaBella Marie Kent received slight injuries in a fall last Saturday evening.

Miss Gusie Cornwell has opened a hair sales parlor at 48 Williams street.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. D. Hines and Mrs. W. Coiley have returned from Dallas, where they were called last week on account of the illness of their brother. They left him much improved.

Mrs. J. A. Lindey is visiting in Mt. Pleasant for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. Lela Titus, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Marih Garnet, who says Greenville looks good to her.

Mrs. H. H. Reed is convalescing this week.

Mr. Winston, Mayweathers has gone to Eufaula, Okla., to accept a position as meat cuter with Mr. W. L. Bannid.

Mrs. I. W. Somans left Monday for Rosebeck, where she accepts a place as assistant teacher.

Mr. Notch Mayweathers has gone to Dallas to be with the Perkin Bros. wholesale dry goods company.

Bro. Eli McCoy, the founder and organizer of Warren Chapel M. E. church, passed to his reward. He was faithful to every cause of the church. At the time of his death he was a class leader, steward and trustee in the church. His place is vacant and to get an officer that will fill the space made vacant by the hand of death will be a task. Yet we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, and say thy will be done. His funeral was attended Sunday evening by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Beal. From Warren Chapel M. E. church. The family has sincere sympathy.

TERRELL, TEX.

Mrs. Victoria Lacour was called to Louisiana to the bedside of her grandmother.

Mr. Arthur Burden left Sunday for New Orleans, where he is thinking of locating.

R. T. M. Jackson was in Rosser, Sunday, with his people.

Tickets are on sale now for the Old Folks' Concert, Monday night.

See Mrs. Flemming when you want to read the news. You'll find the Dallas Express, The Freeman and the Dallas Enterprise at her place of business, or phone her and either will be delivered to you.

Miss Avelia Nelson and Rev. P. W. Jackson were married Sunday evening at her home, on South Rockwall. Rev. A. L. Boone officiated. She left Sunday night for Kaufman enroute to Kempt, Texas, where she is teaching.

SEKITAN, O.

The meeting of the B. Y. P. U. workers held at Lockland, O., Sunday was a thriving success. Rev. Flint was delegate, Bro. Green Lay presided over the meeting.

Aaron Johnson and J. W. Gaines attended the inauguration at Columbus, last week.

Miss Roena Frisco has returned from Wilmington, Ohio.

Pastor Flores preached a soul stirring sermon Sunday. Meeting will continue for several days.

Washington McMillan, 28, colored farmer of New Richmond, Ohio, was awarded a verdict of five thousand dollars against the Pennsylvania railroad by a jury in Superior Judge Pugh's court on Wednesday, for injuries suffered when struck by a train.

CORYDON, KY.

The Home Mission Church Aid Society are doing a great work. They gave the sum of $2 to the church Sunday. They are forming plans for the ensuing year. .. The new Pastor's Aid Society is also doing good work. President, Mrs. Eliza B. Brooks. They have been working for two months and have raised $24.89. The church is progressing and the pastor, Rev. G. R. Cheatman, is meeting with much success.

PUEBLO, COLO.

Mr. V. Simon, of Little Rock, Ark., sold three car loads of horses last Wednesday.

Mr. C. H. Millner has bought the Magnolia Cafe, at 105 West First street.

Mrs. J. O. Blagburn was called to the bedside of a sister at Elliott, Okla.

Mr. C. I. A. Bush, of the Pioneer Barber Shop, has recently put in a new set of furniture.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

(W. M. Simmons.)

Dr. E. G. Covington has announced his candidacy for one of the city commissioners. Dr. Covington is a product of Howard University. He has been a practicing physician in Bloomington for thirteen years and has a good practice among white people. It is believed that he will poll a good many white votes, and if supported by Negroes, his election is inevitable... Dr. Booker T. Washington, is programed to speak before the Central Illinois Teachers' Association, which meets at Normal, April 2-3. .. Miss Della Blanton and Mr. Matthew Skinner, who have been visiting relatives in this city, have returned to their homes in Muskogee, Okla. .. Miss Leorah Walker is visiting relatives in Anderson, Ind. .. Captain Harry Lewis of Company G, Bloomington, Ill., has returned from a week's visit in Springfield. .. Mr. James Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, has returned to Evanston, Ill., to resume his studies. .. An interesting program was rendered at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church Friday evening, January 15. An interesting feature was the recital of original poems by Mrs. S. B. Gibson dedicated to Dr. E. G. Covington, candidate for city commissioner. .. Miss Iva Radford, of Vandalia, Mo., who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, was suddenly called home by the death of her uncle.

ATLANTA, GA.

Mr. and Mrs. Tatnall are in Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Tatnall being under the treatment of Dr. J. G. Sterrs, the well known colored physician and surgeon. The madam leaves for Brunswich, Ga., during the week to visit Mr. Tatnall's family. The Tats would like to hear from all friends, 237 West Fair street, Atlanta, Ga.

NEWS OF CALVERT, TEXAS.

Mr. L. A. Gray, one of the popular young men of this city, is now doing a good business with his confectionary and cold drinks, also has a cafe. Mr. Gray opened business about one year ago and is now one of the leading young men of this city. His is a place where all performers stop when in Calvert. .. Mr. Isiah Staton has one of the leading grocery stores of this city. Mr. Staton is a professional cornetist and is thinking of going on the road with the Allen Minstrels this season. He has three brothers, one a trombone player, one alto and one tuba. Mr. Staten is a soloist cornet player. .. The young men of this city are organizing a Y. M. C. A. and are making a good success.

POPLAR BLUFFS, MO.

Mrs Effie Dozier left on the 19th for Forest City, Ark., to visit her mother's people and friends. .. Mrs. Artie Felton is doing her best. She established a new lodge in Poplar Bluff. A good many were present last night. .. J. W. Laden, Rev. W. H. Huston, Mr. Fairchilds, Prof. C. C. Smith and others made a rapid start to affect an organization.

BISMARCK, N. D.

Messrs. Rufus Anderson, Harold Wilson, Mr. Griffin and W. LaRoye Hulett called on Mr. and Mrs. George Soleman Sunday night. An enjoyable evening was spent in playing progressive whist. The honors were evenly divided between Mrs. Coleman, Messrs. Wilson, Anderson and Hulett.

Tousley & LaRoye introduced their new sketch entitled "Breaking Into Society" at the Orpheum Theatre last Monday and Tuesday nights and were a scream from start till finish. Some singers and dancers. Watch us go by.

Mrs. Rufus Anderson and Miss Bernice Yates are visiting friends in the Twin Cities.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On last Sunday, January 9th, Mr. Ollie Honkins was married to Miss Anna Pyles, of Fancy Bluff. The affair was a quiet one. Mr. Eddie Anderson and Mr. Frank Von Brunt acted as best men for their dear friend, and Miss Thressa Farrier maid of honor. Mr. Honkins' friends wish him much success. .. Mr. J. W. Fisher, Jr., and Mr. Jake Devol have opened up a bake shop, the first and only colored bakery and confectionery in the city. We wish these two young men much success. They can serve you with bread, rolls, pies, and cakes of any kind. .. Mr. William Phoenix has sold out his business and is now connected with the firm of Mr. Geo. F. Ponder, the old reliable, where he will be glad to have his friends call and see him. .. Mr. Ben McClendon has opened his business on Oglethorpe street. He also announces that he is doing business at the same old place, with Mr. Harry McClendon to serve you with the pure goods. .. On last Sunday night Keith's Orchestra paid a visit to Shiloh Baptist church, where the orchestra assisted the choir. Mrs. Catherine A. Holmes, organist; Mr. D. R. Hull, violin; Mr. Butler, Yopp, violin; Mr. Allen Franklin, cornet; Mr. Praylor Keith, clarinet. The members of the choir thank the orchestra and welcome their return any time.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Mrs Ethel Sebree entertained several of her friends Friday evening, January 15th, at a birthday party with music and a two-course lunch, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Sebree, on Atkinson avenue. .. Mr. John Caldwell, of Clarksville, Tenn., were in the city Wednesday, January 13th. He came to see after his son, Emmitt, who was injured in alighting from a fast passenger train Tuesday night. He attempted to get off near Hecla. He was taken to Emergency Hospital, where his wounds were dressed. Several stitches were taken on his scalp and tongue. Later he was taken to Clarksville by his father. .. Miss Edith Gilbert, of Chicago, Ill., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lillie Springfield. .. Mrs. Lon Mitchell and Miss Lucile Terry have gone to Hopkinsville, Ky., to reside. Mr. James Christian was seriously injured by No. 93 fast passenger train coming from Madisonville. The accident occurred near No. 9 tipple, where he was found a few minutes later just in time to be removed from the path of No. 54, north-bound fast train. He has one of his hands cut off and received a scalp wound and was bruised about the body, which caused his death. He died between 10 and 11 a. m. Sunday at Emergency Hospital and was removed later to his sister's, Mrs. Fanny McCleod, on Cemetery street... Those that are sick this week are: Mr. Terry Riley, Mrs. Ben Cunningham, Mrs. Mary Brooks, Mrs. Bettie Holland, Mrs. Mary Browder, Miss Naomi Kirkwood and Mrs. Cavanaugh.

NEWS OF DAYTON, O.

The revival services of Bethel Baptist church is progressing nicely. There have been forty-nine additions to the church. .. The Pastor's Aid Society of Bethel Baptist church met last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Anna Niel. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Maggie Turner, 51 Kinnard street. The Ideal Clover Leaf Club is progressing nicely under their president, Mrs. Vunetta Smith. They have secured an embroidery teacher, one who is very efficient, Mrs. Luella Hogue. Their meetings are each Monday afternoon, and for the benefit of those that can not get out in the afternoon a night class has been organized and this addition is getting along fine. .. The revival services of Wesleyan Methodist church is also progressing nicely. Seventeen have been added to the church. Many are asking for prayer. .. The regular services of Zion Baptist church are being attended well, especially Sabbath morning. .. Prof. Joel E. Spingarn spoke at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening on the Advancement of the Negro Race. .. You can always find the Freeman at 321 Norwood avenue, or Pekin Theatre. .. Everyone was glad to see Jeanette & Bradford at the Pekin this week as she is a favorite. .. Little Melvin Lawhorn is sick. .. The Muse-Us Club is progressing nicely under their new president, Miss Janeva Sandusky. They met with Mrs. M. Henderson and had a very successful meeting. After the meeting luncheon was served. Then games and music were indulged in until a late hour. Music was furnished by the Dale Bros. The next meeting will be at Mr. and Mrs. Dale's. .. Mrs. Katie Logan of 331 Sprague is reported ill. .. Mr. Peace Davis has returned home after a long visit in Chicago. .. Master Houston Davenport is still no better.

NOTES FROM McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS.

Miss Zenobia Cole Jefferson, formerly of the team of Wilson & Cole, late of the Lyric Stock Company, at Kansas City, Mo., was united in marriage to Mr. Otis Allen, of Paris, Mo., Saturday evening at 6:30, on Jan. 16, 1915, at Elba, Neb. The ceremony was witnessed by the members of the company. Mr. Allen has been with Mr. McCabe's company for the five past seasons, and is known by many in the profession.

THE ORIGINAL CREAM PUFF IN DALLAS, TEXAS.

The Original Cream Puff, S. R. McDanial and his trio, have just played a one week's return date at the Star Theatre, Dallas Texas to crowded houses, and will play another two weeks' return at the Grand Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas. All is well and he sends regards to those in and out of the profession. They say hello, Dodo, Buddie Brown, O. H. McDanial and others.

PEKIN THEATRE, DAYTON, O.

Reed's Famous Georgia Troubadours are playing here this week. They are a scream from beginning to the end. And in spite of the bad weather people are attending well, for when their band begins to play, you forget your aches and pains and the snowy weather. They imitate everything from steam caliope down to a Chinaman. The moving pictures are good also.

THANKS.

To the friends of both races in the Oklahoma state and in Texas, Dallas City and for their valuable service and assistance and for the large number of beautiful floral offerings sent us in our deepest sorrow. May God's blessings continue to be your guide through this life. We will keep fresh in our memory the lost husband and father.

MRS. F. P. MAYES.
J. A., G. A. & OLIVER MAYES.

THE FREEMAN IN DEMAND.

The Freeman, Indianapolis:

Gentleman—I have had only one copy of The Freeman left on hand since December 5th issue. Kindly increase my order five copies, as I don't have enough for the demand at present.

Yours truly,
A. C. PETTY,
Tampa, Fla.

STAGE NOTES.

Frank D. Jackson, write to Theresa Burroughs-Brooks, Lincoln Theatre, Cincinnati. Important.

The Gem Stock Co. will hold forth next week at the Crown Garden theatre, Indianapolis, with a changed bill.

The Freemans, George and Annie, are at the Dixieland Theatre, Charleston, S. C., doing fine. Dixie Theatre, Atlanta, Ga., 25th.

R. J. Simmons, cornet player, at home, 315 Mitchell street, Humboldt, Tenn. Would be glad to hear from Frank Moland and Earnest Montague.

T. L. Corwell, manager of the Smart Set Company, has seen ten years of service with the show. He's genial, pleasant to meet and withal a good business man.

Mrs. Laura Marshall came over from Cincinnati, to visit her daughter Ethel and son-in-law, Salem Tutt Whitney of the Smart Set Company, playing in Indianapolis this week.

E. D. Kemp, after three months' rest with his brother-in-law and sister, Bob Lyons and Ida Lyons, at 421 Liberty street, New Orleans, La., will open with O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels.

Lee Miller, Clere Hawkins, Hugh Kane, Collie Thompson, Gouge of Chicago, and Johnnie Ellis, of Milwaukee are spending the winter in Montreal. Having some fun in the snow. The bunch.

Thomas A. Brooks, comedian with the Froliques of 1915, owing to the route of southern time, will sever his connection with the show for the balance of the season. Mr. Brooks is under contract for next season.

Frank Keith, who has been putting his new act together at Shreveport, La., will be assisted by his wife, a bright young college woman. She can go some as a talker. She has a good singing voice. He wishes to hear from Jolly Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson, of 114 North Greenwood avenue, Tulsa, Okla., send their best regards to all their friends in and out of the profession. Reed Connor, why can't you write? Would like to hear from you, old pal, Mahlon Wilson.

Tommy Carter, of the Taylor-Farrell Trio, filling an engagement at a local playhouse, was a Freeman caller this week. Tommy has a host of friends in the Hoosier metropolis and always leaves them smiling when he says goodbye.

Stella White, formerly of White & Jordan, and Frank Jackson, formerly of Gaston & Jackson, have joined partnership in a new act and will be known as White & Jackson. New Bern, N. C., week of Jan. 11th and 18th. Regards to all in and out of the profession. Ethalene Jordan, write us care Freeman.

Howard & Mason, colored English chappies, opened on the Pantages circuit Jan. 4th at Pantages theatre, Winnipeg, Can., and enjoyed success. They were at the Pantages theatre, Edmonton, Can., last week. This week Pantages theatre, Calgary, Can. They have contracts for sixteen weeks on the Pantages circuit. Regards to Ragtime Trio.

The Freeman will appreciate expressions concerning the annual review of the stage. Give your honest opinion. State it as briefly as possible. Say what you choose just so no reflection is meant. We will be helped by your suggestions in preparing the next annual. We will publish your opinions, comments and suggestions.

Geo. Christian is now in Savannah, the guest of Dr. A. A. Hoppe, after spending the holidays with Miss Julia Scott and her parents in Augusta. While there he had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Simmons, editor of the Echo. It will be remembered that Mr. Christian has been connected with the Florida Blossoms Comedy Co. for several seasons, but will be with the J. C. O'Brian's Georgia Minstrels the coming season. Regards to all friends in and out of the profession. All mail will reach me care The Freeman. Little Joe Motto, J. Ivey and James Shackelford write.

THE LYRIC THEATRE CO., KANSAS CITY, MO.

We still hold our own in Kansas City, playing to good houses every night and pleasing the crowds, as we have five theatres connected with the Lyric Theatre Co. Lovie Whitman, known as Strawberry Peat, and Anna Overton, are a scream at one of the Lyric theatres. Gardner & Graham say hello to the Smart Set bunch. House & House, the man that can change his show at any time, is here in one of the Lyric theatres, making good. Little Hazel Edwards, singing and dancing. Little Miss Girtie Byrd one you all know, is making good anywhere on the bill, and one of the best dressed girls on the stage today. She has got a chance for every kind of act you put on and can do the work that is given her to do. Miss Anna Overton is cleaning. The people of this city like her way of working. Creed Corner, that sweet tenor singer, is with the bunch. We have two of the best operators ever in this city, Markes Lakey and Floyd Maderson. These two gentlemen know all about the business and can deliver the goods anywhere. The candy butchers are doing their very best, Charley and Tad. What do you think of Prof. M. C. Vasser playing piano at one of the houses and giving satisfaction. We know he is a violin player, but oh you piano. Charley Watters is playing and leading the orchestra at Lyric No. 2. Curtis Mosley and John Miller, the trap drummers, Rastus Brown and Cleo Mitchel are here with one hundred and fifty dollars waiting to hear from all buck and wing dancers. So any one thinking they can beat him let me hear from you. This bunch send regards to all friends. The Lyric theatre is where you get your money every Monday, and every day is draw day. The boss wears a smile all the time.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

"String Beans," who is a dapper chap, has as trim a little wife as any one could wish. The two entertainers headed the bill this week at Gibson's New Standard Theatre in a skit that included piano playing, singing and dancing. The act gave May and May opportunities to dance in their distinctive style and sing some new songs, assisted by piano specialties that were very effective, which were highly appreciated by the large audiences. The Four Flying Valentines, Gilliam and Wilson, Ora Cresswell and James Marshall helped to round out a good show. Some new material comedy films were also on the bill. During the big storm on Tuesday night the electric light wires became cross-circuited and plunged the house in total darkness, an act that the management was not prepared for, hence the last show had to be dispensed with. Everything moved along merrily the next day.

THE LAFAYETTE THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY.

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STAGE GOSSIP
J. B. DAVIDSON

Mack & Mack (Billie and Mary) are at Douglass theatre, Macon, Ga., week 18th.

The A. Lincoln Harris Players at the Ruby Theatre, Louisville, Ky., week 25th.

Mme. Margarette Jackson, with the A. Lincoln Harris Players, Ruby theatre, Louisville, Ky., week 25th.

Miss Lelia B. Mitchell with the A. Lincoln Harris Players, Ruby theatre, Louisville, Ky., week 25th. The Ragtime Queen.

The Hamilton Girls, those colored dancers, and the New York Chocolate Drop, George Ecaud, will leave for New Orleans soon to see the carnival.

Brown & Brown, the well known crayon artists, were in Indianapolis last Monday enroute to Terre Haute. Harry Brown, the male member of the team, is an Indianapolis boy.

Copeland & Payton were at the Lyric theatre, Indianapolis, last half of week. Made a hit in their Pullman car act. This was their first appearance in this city as a vaudeville team. This week they are in Decatur, Ill.

Thomas Saparo is presenting a new act, entitued "The Chauffeur and the Valet." Act opened last week at the Scenic Temple Theatre, Cambridge, Mass., and was a big success. Next week we play Union Theatre, Providence, R. I.

The team of Rollison & Payne, after a successful engagement at the Monogram, Chicago, will hereafter be known as Rollison & Douglas. Expect to open on the Dudley circuit soon. Regards to members of the Smart Set Co.

John W. Dennis is with the A. G. Allen Minstrels and is doing nicely. He spent a very pleasant visit to Huttig, Ark., the guest of Mrs. Laura Sims, who spared no pains to make the visit a very pleasing one. Regards to the profession.

WHAT'S WHAT DOWN IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Seals & Fisher is the one big talk of the Crescent City. The act is one of the best seen here. The patrons and manager of the Oridouis Theatre are more than pleased with the Seal & Fisher act. .. Original Rags is one of New Orleans' favorites. He deserves it, as Rags always gets them with his novelty sayings and singing. ..Bailey & Bailey closed January 17; new act too late for issue. .. Temple Theatre is closed again; nothing doing. .. Poodle Dog cabaret, W. M. Benbow manager—Clarence Williams, Edna Benbow, Herbert Linzy and Jessie Burney. .. Twenty-Five cabaret, Thomas Wade manager—Ebbie Burton, Aggie Tansell, Alma Hughs, Harry Bonner and Lewis Wade. .. Beaulah Henderson, Lena Leggett, Grace Arntre and Little Willie are at the First Class cabaret, pleasing as usual. .. Frank Ahaynon is playing some piano with the Robichan's Orchestra. .. Little Freddie Washington is still entertaining at Willie Piazza Club. .. Dave Mills, Sam McVay's trainer while in New Orleans, sends regards to Sam and says, "Pal, you left them talking about you. You get me?" ..Allie Hammond and Chas. Davis send regards to the dear New York bunch around Nails' Brothers.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

The Blankneal Cafe, 118 West 135th street, N. Y., one of the coziest places in Harlem, you will find music to entertain the patrons. When in the city don't forget to visit this popular place. .. At the Richey Cafe and Dining Rooms, 43 Rockwell Place, Brooklyn, every afternoon and evening, great cabaret show with well-known entertainers, who are the best in their line of work. This is the only place of its kind in Brooklyn. Many features will be presented regularly beginning with the grand opening, which will be announced later... The Pekin, formerly the Red Cap, 447 Lenox avenue, New York, Robt. L. Murray, manager, opened their doors to the public Thursday night last with a grand opening, which was a big success. High-class cabaret every evening with the best artists and first-class dining rooms with the best meals served in town. Visitors always welcome. .. The Crescent Cafe, 126 West 135th street, New York—The management has some good artists in the entertaining line to amuse the patrons and the patrons are highly entertained with the Broadway song hits. .. The Libbia Dining Rooms, 99 Rockwell Place, Brooklyn—Music every evening; Billy E. Jines in popular melodies every Sunday. .. At Woods' Cafe, 2161 Fifth avenue.. The cabaret is still a big feature with the late song hits featured. .. Jolly John Larkins & Jennie Pearl scored a big hit at Lafayette Theatre last week in New York. In fact, they took Harlem by storm. Larkins & Pearl have an act which is a scream on any bill. .. Richard & Lowersc are now on the Dudley circuit for 13 weeks Last Monday week they opened in Washington and were a success. .. Carter Day is the headliner this week at the Lafayette Theatre, New York, where the management is giving its patrons the best acts in vaudeville, and the house is crowded during matinees and evenings. .. Jones & Johnson are at the Fulton Theatre, Brooklyn. .. Julius Glenn & Owen Lawson have joined hands and will work as a team in the near future. .. Billy Henderson, formerly of Jolly Henderson & Miss Fannie Wise, the well-known songster, have joined hands and opened Monday on the Consolidated time at the Metropolitan Theater, Memphis, Tenn, with St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dayton and Detroit to follow. .. Toots Davis & Billy Nash, after being seperated for five years, have joined hands as a team and opened this week at Keenup Theatre, New Britain, Conn. .. Billy E. Jones, the popular balladist, is scoring a big hit with the song hits, "Its the Same Old Town," "When You Wore a Tulip," and "I've Loved You Since You Were a Baby," in the east.

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PLAYING PITTSBURGH.

Lincoln Theatre—Sidney Carter.

Mr. Earl Burton, well known producer and performer, was found here by the writer with a good stock, which had made a run of six months changing show twice a week, each additional show being a knock out. His principal character man, Frank Foster, was doing a Jew in an act billed "The Factory Girl" in which the following performers were introduced: Bertha Ham, Mary Smith, Maud Baptiste, Ed West, John Brightwell, Mary Atkins, Edna Mabon, Clay Price and James Jones. The house was crowded, two shows and the acts was considered the best produced here. A farce comedy whose humorous situation and clever and witty sayings of Burton and Foster threw the audience into hilarious conduct.

Star Theatre.

The show at this house was very interesting as well as entertaining in that the opening act, Jones & Price was summarily canned and in time take their turn in another theatre. Such methods make bad show business. Mr. Minsky has been having much trouble with actors. His methods are not good and the actors conduct is not what it should be. Changing the salary after an actor has paid his fare to the town never brings good results or acts but this act should have done its act. To slight your work does you harm that takes time to overcome. Price could be seen telling his partner to cut and they both work as if in a stupor and their costumes were poor and not clean. Berry & Washington was the scream of the bill. This act is novel. Berry's impersonation of a female cannot be detected until he removes his wig, with good songs and costume, with Washington's snappy comedy, and he is a comedian. There is no better on the "Dudley." Donouver & Crippen is an act that will do well anywhere. She is a sweet singer and Donouver's comedy is unique. This act in its improved stage will be a comer. The unfortunate affair of Gilpin & Wood was a misunderstanding between Minsky and Gilpin & Wood on salary. After jumping from New York. The calling of the police was unnecessary. Such affairs as this are dangerous and bring bodily harm.

The Clarks, P. and his high Brown, have been here since September, and look fine. D. has been kept busy writing music for white and colored acts who claim he is an another Vodry.

James R. Marshall and the ever hustling Joe Sandifer, teaming, playing the white time out of here. New York next week. Some act.

The Walkers, refugees from the war zone, are here. Philadelphia next week. They tell an interesting story of their flight from Siberia, Russia, to this country. They speak several languages and have a novel dancing act that would entertain any audience. They are Negroes of the refined and educated type. French subjects, diminutive in size enough to be declared picks. They have toured Europe. They are very interesting talkers.

Another foreign born team of Negro actors are Chester & Hazal Nutt. They are doing time for Polak. They bill as the Nutt Bros. They have a crazy act that is really funny and are from Brazil, where some of the nuts come from.

Rastus Buckner, the boy who pops his lips, is here looking fine and dandy.

Jones & Price introduced a song to Pittsburgh, "Everybody Rag with Me." They looked the part so no one accepted the invitation from the boys from rag town.

COLUMBUS THEATRICAL NOTES, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mr. Billy Smith, manager of the Dunbar Theatre, deserves great credit for the amusement offerings each week. He uses great care in securing good clean acts and the best pictures in the city. He has won the respect and honor of every one who frequents his house.

Miss Carrie Gilbert, the soubrette and comedienne, is scoring a big hit at the Dunbar. She is engaged for another week. Her work is neat and clever and her appearance very attractive.

P. G. Lowery has joined hands in the theatrical field (some team). Acts coming this way write Billy Smith, Dunbar Theatre, Columbus, Ohio.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

LITTLE LORD ROBERTS AT THE GRAND.

Thompson, Cooper & Thompson Chime.

It is not difficult to explain that as a miniature star Little Lord Roberts shines. He has a baby voice, but his qualities as an actor and dancer rank with the best. The Aerial Lloyds were thrillingly clever. Harry Messingale and Odessa Crosby were the colored team and they made merry in comedy and in their musical finish. Larkin & Burnes took rank as grotesque tumblers and burlesquers. The last half of last week had Thompson, Cooper & Thompson, the colored classical soloists. DeKoven Thompson, the composer, whose new "La Simpatica" took high rank in the middle class of light original compositions, was recognized. Creighton Thompson and Opel Cooper were both at their best in solos that held people breathless. These artists need not resort to comedy to please agents, they can otherwise please any audience. "The Laws of Make Believe" was a good fantastic act with clever girls and scenes and a good Irish comedian. Becker & Conlon in an auto sketch "Seeing the Sights," talked of imaginary beings, a concert originated by colored actors and their humor was mixed with sarcasm, but some people enjoyed it. Revolving Collins, on rollers, did a bottle balance. Andrew Tribbles "Possum Hollow University" next week.

James Sisters at the New Monogram.

When I heard the strains of Campana's immortal duet I knew that a vocal treat was in store by two rare artists. Ethel James, always an excellent soprano, and Orena James, brilliant contralto, and genuine, both sang and danced in a finale as only stars can. Kelly & Davis filled in a open week and we had roars of laughter. The Electrice, a white team, assumed the tricks of Edison and Len Henderson did Irish and other lively songs.

Wilson Trio at the Monogram.

Once more the Wilson Trio is with us and they were in exceptionally good voice and all their work was meritorious and charmed vocally. Peat & Hayes returned poular. Ed Peat had some fresh talk and their act was lively. U. S. Slow Kid Thompson returned with new talk and his dancing was more finished than on any former occasion. LaBelle Oleta was a white act, etc.

The Picture Houses.

"The Deep Purple" at the States attracted largely. Next Saturday "Sampson" will be seen and Mignon the play from the grand opera Sunday. Plays with Lillian Russell and Mrs. Leslie Carter are to follow. The Lincoln had "Should a Woman Divorce," a story of great interest. The Phoenix will have a Broncho picture Saturday and "Fortune Hunters" Sunday. Al Gaines is now manager of this house. "The Recent Confederate Victory" with a genuine colored quartette will be seen at the Phoenix Jan. 29th and 30th and at the Fountain Jan. 31st. The Washington program is as follows: "A Strange Case of Princess" Friday, "One Wonderful Night," Saturday, and "Stronghart" Sunday. The bill at the Atlas theatre will be "Crimes of the Comona" Saturday and "Protea, the Great Female Detective" Sunday. Business has been good.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

Kelly & Davis opened at the Colonial Jan. 14th on the Marcus Loew time. Dotson & Gordon were at the Academy last week. The Rajahs have returned from Valparaiso and Fort Wayne, where they stopped the show. Edwards & Hardee are at the Lincoln, Cincinnati. S. H. Dudley is expected in town on business.

Trotter History.

They say that Trotter has a past,
That he's an agitator,
But darky ignorance is so vast,
We need a great debater.

The Democratic President,
Was Trotter's sham accuser,
That's why the White House resident
Declared "Trot" his abuser.

Once long ago, our Booker T.
Gave "Trot" a lively heating,
In Boston-town, not Tennessee,
And history's still repeating.

Unequal rights, the Trotter sore,
Now, as a National stigma,
May teach black men to sneer at war,
And that is no enigma.

A REPLY.

To the Public:

In justice to myself and the members of the Symphony Orchestra which I have conducted in the two concerts lately given at the Grand Theatre, I feel it my duty to reply to certain of the "critics" who have felt called upon to fall to personalities in their write-ups of the same. While I personally have no apologies to make to any one for the manner in which the concerts were conducted, I think that inasmuch as these were the first efforts of the musicians composing the orchestra along this particular line, that we should have had the encouragement of the race's papers and writers, instead of the uncalled for attacks which were made.

The idea and spirit of the concerts was to uplift the patrons along musical lines, and to furnish the music loving public an opportunity of seeing the progress which is being made by the younger members of the race along classical lines. Both concerts have proved successful, and have been well attended by the best class of people of Chicago, and I think that they have all been satisfied with the rendition of the high class programs offered.

As far as any financial gain on my part is concerned, all I need to say is that every one of the thirty odd members of the orchestra was paid "per capita," of the net receipts, therefore my personal share was the same as that of the rest of the organization, the inference made by Cary B. Lewis notwithstanding.

In direct contrast to the stand taken by Lewis, Russell et al., I have on my desk a personal letter of congratulation from Tony Langston of the Defender, and in it he says: "I hope that you will be able to make the concerts a monthly proposition, and you deserve the encouragement of the music loving public, in point of attendance and otherwise."

We are at present rehearsing for our third concert.

Yours,
DAVE PEYTON.

FRED LARENCE BRADFORD.

Belated Aeronaut and Aviator Temporarily Laid to Rest at Mt. Glenwood, Where He Made Ascensions—Funeral Was Private. Buried in Luxury by His Wife.

Chicago Special.

The funeral of the late Fred Larence Bradford, the most famous and daring aeronaut and aviator his race had ever produced, took place at the Western Casket Company chapel on Wednesday, January 13th, at 11 a. m. His eyes were closed and he wore a smile of content like sleeping as a happy relief to a suffering mind and body. A floral pedestal from his wife and flowers from his friends completely covered the deep purple casket in which he lay. After Rev. N. B. Jones had offered a prayer, followed by reading, the sacred solo, "Come Ye Disconsolate" was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Manley, then a short discourse by the pastor and the favorite hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" which closed the services. The surviving mourners consisted of his wife, Mattie Beck Bradford, who completely broke down, Mrs. Leona Haygood his sister and Elmer Price of Peoria, Ill., his half brother. Other mourners were Christina Kearns, Beona Madison, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Thompson, Dimples Williams of Cleveland, Ohio, Jessie Weaver, Mrs. Bertha Clay, Mamie Jarrett, Fanny Martin and a few friends including Dr. Wilburforce Williams, his physician. The pall bearers were Jess McReynolds, Sylvester Russell, Prince Albert Thompson and William Coleman, his faithful valet. Mr. Bud Redd, his most intimate friend was away in Jackson, Tenn., attending his own mother's funeral. As the funeral was private, at the request of his wife, the party was conveyed by automobile service to the Forty-seventh street depot, where they boarded a train for Mt. Glenwood cemetery and there in the midst of a snowflake squall and sunshine, the body was temporarily laid to rest, prior to Decoration Day, when the corpse will be transferred to the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Beck, to be interred by the Catholic rite in the family plot on Cemetery Hill at Allegan, Mich. Two years ago when Bradford failed to get a commission in the contest with white aviators who were flying in monoplanes over the city, Dr. E. S. Miller, the heaviest colored stockholder in Mt. Glenwood cemetery engaged Bradford for the Chataqua Assembly outing to make balloon ascensions for five days, commencing July 31, 1912 including parachute leaps. He made two 500 yard ascensions and on the third day the balloon caught in a tree and was set on fire, but Bradford was rescued without accident. Mr. Bradford who was fond of literature, once admired a two verse poem he saw published in a magazine, by his admirable friend, Sylvester Russell. After Bradford's death Mr. Russell wrote one more verse to the poem which we herewith reproduce in full:

Fred Larence Bradford.
From His Latest Photo.

Ode to the Land of Oblivion.

Firm on the brink of time I stand,
Tho' I have long withstood the test,
Oblivion is the wistful land,
Where peace would serve the best.

Toward the scene of long regrets,
Just what I've thought and I have guessed,
Oblivion is the land "forgets,"
Where toilers lull to rest.

So now I'm in the distant land,
Where spirit-souls from earth are free,
Where none but such can understand,
Begot eternity.

THE "SMART SET" COMPANY IN INDIANAPOLIS — PRESENTING "HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT" AT THE LYCEUM THEATRE.

(Will M. Lewis.)

The "Smart Set" Company in "His Excellency, the President," held the boards at Lyceum Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week, with a matinee each day. The colored theatre-goers were very anxious to see this show for more than one reason. Time and time again the company has flirted with Indianapolis, playing here and there through the State, but invariably failing to hit here. More than once parties from this city have gone elsewhere to see the show when conveniently near.

Salem Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt are boys from home—Indianapolis. This is one of the reasons for wishing to see the company. Then again, it is one of the only two first-rate large colored attractions before the public at this time. The young men are of decided ability and in accord with the talent this city has been sending out. Their contributions to the Freeman, which are seen weekly, is of high order. This especially is true of Mr. Whitney. Indianapolis is also represented by Isabel Harper, as the name appears on the bill, but who is better known in this city as Helen Harper. She is both pretty and talented, surprising many of her friends who for the first time knew that she was on the stage. She took the part of Mandy Simpkins, which was one of importance—a young wife to the elderly Elias. She merited the attention she received. She promises to shine in high comedy roles.

"His Excellency, the President" is the piece-de-resistance of the show, together with a scarcely less personage, his secretary, parts taken by Mr. Whitney and Mr. Tutt, respectively. As the play goes, they are Bud White and Dan Jenkins, two inconsequential "cullud gemmen," all down and out, but who find the opportunity to pose as the President of Haiti and his secretary. Their "incog." serves them since the folks, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Simpkins and their friends expect the real President and secretary traveling in disguise. Ginger Springs, the home of the Simpkins, is the scene of the visit.

Before the arrival of the important personages the show advances. The opening chorus by the whole company was a rousing good number, sprightly and harmonious, led by Ethel Marshall, then taken up by Simpkins, the part by Matt Johnson, followed by pretty movements—a string of fine appearing boys and girls. The dancing kid, the bell boy, Willie Jump, by O. D. Carter, was amusing. The "Yassum" girl gave a brief touch of high life in her prancing. The "I Won't Go Home Till Morning" song by W. Smith and his improved notion of a jag was well received. "What You Need is Ginger Spring," a song by Matt Johnson and chorus ended with a general drunk and an enjoyable good time.

Preparations to receive the distinguished visitors was kept in mind. At the proper moment his highness and his secretary appear on the scene—the two counterfeits. They took advantage of the mistake, touched old man Simpkins for a big wad and got in right. Mr. Whitney as the president will not be contrasted with any of the other great comedians of the race. He is distinctly himself, capable at all times of making amusing and interesting situations. Through his vernacular are glimpses of that intelligence which has raised him and his company out of the ordinary. He is easy and ready in his work, appearing as if it were his true self rather than merely impersonation.

Mr. Tutt, as Straight, has something of the late George Walker; however, not enough to defeat his work of independence. He is also easy in his style, gracious, winning as he goes. He changes his clothes like a prince, and in them conducts himself in a way that all like to see. The audience appreciated this changing habit. The President had a habit of changing up, but somehow he generally went bad in his taste. He was gorgeous, at times, but outlandish also, at times. They worked together like a charm. Among the stand out stunts were the reading of the legal paper, the statue posing and the scene with the real president and secretary. Whitney made a hit in his song, "Good Advice," assisted by Tutt. "Just a Pickaninny All Dressed Up," by Tutt, was clever and rather touching. He was assisted by the chorus. "I'm Neutral" was a taking characterization, by Whitney.

Monsieur La Fitz by Greenbury Holmes was one of the standout features. He was eternally bent on doing some destruction with "Zie bomb" and eternally foiled by one thing or another. Mostly he changed his mind to get a bigger one. He made the audience like him.

Carmencita Gomez, by Blanche Thompson, was interesting at all times. She had everything to make her go—voice, beauty, shape and a most vivacious personality. One of the ladies in the audience exclaimed, "O, isn't she dear?" The answer was, "She is now." Her song was "Romance Espanola," which she did like any other Spanish senorita one would care to see and hear. Her Hawaiian tango with Tutt was the height of the business. Hattie Akers and Whitney in a little take off showed that they knew a thing or so. He did not, however, care much about her face.

The real president, Oh Saymore, and secretary, Enuff Dessert, by William Babe Townsend and Will Dixon, were among the prominent phases of the show; they looked the parts and acted them out accordingly. Perhaps this was the most interesting feature of what may be called the farce comedy.

Among the others who came in for a share of praise for feature work are Hattie Ackers, Frank Johnson, James Woodson, Ed. Johnson, Ethel Marshall, Pauline Parker, Emma Jackson.

The singing by chorus and individuals was tuneful and airy from the beginning. The drilling was not that rigid, stiff style so often seen. It was fluent, poetical, giving that restful pleasantness which is more sought than found. Ethel Marshall led in a military song, featuring the Stars and Stripes, with the "When Your Country Calls to Arms." Together with the drill this was an especially good number. It was well applauded. The female quartet was a big winner, and by the great assistance of that sweet baritone, Hattie Ackers. The costuming was neat, good and becoming throughout.

Others of the company were: Geneva Harly, Marie Harly, Theresa West, Lillian Williams, Goldie Cisco, Emma Jackson and William Lee.

Notes.

Promptly at 2:15 in the afternoon on Monday a little brown man shot up from the hole beneath the stage, mounted the piano stool, business picked up, he bossed the musical end. This was Clarence G. Wilson, musical director. His little emphatic hand was seen clutching in the air when the important places in the music was on.

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Boute and Carter did a number of difficult steps in their buck and wing dancing.

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The "Hesitation Waltz" by the whole company was picturesque.

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"I Am the Guy," a song by Whitney and chorus and the song "Society," by the company, had the real comic opera flavor.

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The female quartette: Hattie Ackers, baritone; Carrie King, soprano; Helen Jackson, soprano; Mary Gardner, contralto. They scored a big hit. The audience demanded more.

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"Just for Tonight," a song, was beautifully rendered by Ethel Marshall, Pauline Parker and the company.

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The reception was very recherche. The singing of Greenbury Holmes and Blanche Thompson—a duet—was a splendid number. Both rank as artists. The song, "All I Ask is to Forget You."

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Edna Morton, tango dancer, was formerly with Jones and Monton.

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The octette: Frank Jackson, leader; Walter Moore, tenor; Will Dixon, baritone; James Woodson, O. D. Carter, George Boute, Wm. B. Townsend and W. Smith. Fine individual voices ruled. The selections met hearty applause.

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The final "Tutt Tudalo" by the whole company reminded somewhat of J. Lubrie Hill's—the marching single file feature, winding in and out of the scenery. The song was refreshing and tuneful, the prances pretty, the costumes strikingly variegated, making something of a pageant of nations, due also to the various hues of complexions and facial expressions.

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The boys, Whitney and Tutt, came, saw and conquered. The snow fell generously, but it was not cold. Long before curtain raising time the lobby was jammed with impatient patrons eager to see what the boys had to offer. The houses were all good, the best indication of the loyalty of folk at home. Plenty white people were present. Those lines—streaks of black and white, were absent.

AT THE CROWN GARDEN THEATRE.

The Burden Bros., Presenting the Gem Stock Co., Featuring Maurice Warfield in Musical Comedy—Southland Songs, Dances, Laughter—50 Minutes.

In spite of the weather and the times the Crown is going right along, giving good entertaining shows. This week the Burden Brothers are featuring Maurice Warfield in comedy in their Gem Stock Company.

The company includes a lively bunch of girls, good singers, good performers and good lookers. In fact the company is quite an all star attraction. "Kinky," Madaline Cooper Pugsley, formerly of the King Doo Trio, is a good one. Baby Adel Johnson is of the J. Lubrie Hill's Follies. Miss Warfield was formerly of Warfield & Warfield.

Maurice Warfield is well known to the patrons of the Crown, where he has heretofore done straight. He is one of the best buck dancers in the country. He is an all around performer. His comedy is his own conception.

Warfield is a bogus prince in this skit, but who readily gives up when he is starved out by his partner. In making this situation considerable humor is produced which is enjoyable.

Robert Bramlett makes a good straight. He is also versatile, dances, sings and so forth.

"Kinky" is a hit in her characterization of the animal monkey dance; assisted by the girls in the singing and prancing makes this an especially good number. All of the voices are good.

Baby Adel Johnson, a delightful little creature sings "Wonder Where My Loving Man Is Gone." Her voice is beautiful, her style winsome.

Loretta Warfield is also of good singing voice. Her song, "Camp Meeting Band" was put over nicely, winding up with a big buck dancing feature.

"Jungle King of Spades" song by Maurice Warfield, with an eccentric dance, was well received.

The buck dancing by Loretta Warfield, Robert Bramlett and Maurice Warfield showed each as very clever.

The company gives a lively, good show—a show of quality.

The finale is "Dixieland" spirited and well rendered.

Books and lyrics and stage by Maurice P. Warfield.

ST. LOUIS THEATRICAL NEWS AND LATEST BASEBALL DOPE.

(By Herbert T. Meadows.)

First rate talent of a caliber that sustains the Booker Washington Theatre standard of clean, classy shows, is on the current bill in St. Louis. The orchestra is maintaining its well deserved reputation as a musical organization with a program of harmonious selection, special features being an overture, "The Sky Pilot." A cornet and trombone duet, "Moaria Waltz," by J. Bryant and Steve Adam. A xylophone solo, "All That I Had is Gone," by Jasper Taylor, and the tuneful melody, "The Cataract Rag."

Lillyn Brown and Billy Dumont in a comedy skit feature a burlesque tragedy entitled "Josephus and the Roman Senator," and make a decided hit. Miss Brown is stunning in male attire and displays her excellent voice to good advantage. Dumont is a humorous black face artist and scores a big hand.

Harper H. Puggsley, an acrobatic clown, does a sensational barrel jumping act that is both comic and difficult. He does several acrobatic tumbling stunts and wins meritorious applause.

Glenn & Brogsdale, a pair of corked comedians, take the house by storm and keep up a continuous excitement from start to finish. Glenn is a scream as the quack doctor and Brogsdale shares the applause as his support. Their closing piece, "Darktown Buzz," is the biggest hit of the season.

The Harrison Stewart Players have been engaged for three weeks beginning Jan. 25. Their first week's offering will be "The White Wash Man," in which Will A. Cooke as Plenty Rags, a tramp, should appear at his best.

St. Louis Giants Being Reorganized.

St. Louis is now assured of a first class baseball team this year. A deposit sufficient to cover preliminary expenses has been made and more money is available. Although Mgr. Mills has a big proposition before him in attempting to secure star players he is confident of success. B. Taylor, Mongin, McAdoo, Moore, Shivley and good players wishing a tryout should address Chas. A. Mills, Keystone Cafe, Compton and Lawton, St. Louis, Mo.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT—WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 1915.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theatre, Lew W. Henry, manager: Louise Jones, Hellman & Baby Emma, Hellens & Austin. Howard Theatre Andrew J. Thomas, manager: Gant & Perkins, Gulfport & Nugent, Braxton & Nugent. Fairyland Theatre—Mr. Ross, manager: Butler & Johnson.

Baltimore—Mr. Lincoln Theatre, Benj. Flake, manager: Richardson & Towel.

Richmond, Va.—Hippodrome Theatre, W. J. Coulter, manager: Granstaff & Davis, Tom Melton, Forsyne & Hill.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre, C. L. Andrews, manager: Nickerson & Ramsey, James T. Trice.

Lynchburg, Va.—Ford's Theatre, R. F. Johnson, manager: Susie Sutton.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Star Theatre, Abe Minsky, manager: Crippen & Dounover.

Detroit, Mich.—Vaudette Theatre, C. L. Dudley, manager: Baby Jim, Gilpin & Woods.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Lincoln Theatre, Spencer Finley, manager: Davis & Greer, other acts.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre. Wilhoit & Collier, managers: Clark's Comedy Co.

ROUTE.

The Smart Set, with Salem Tutt Whitney—Grand Rapids, Mich., week of January 25.

Richard & Pringle's Famous Minstrels—Wallowa, Ore., January 25; Elgin, Ore., 26; LaGrande, 27; Union, 28; North Powder, 29; Haines, 30; Baker City, 31.

Dixie Serenaders' Minstrels, James Johnson, Manager—Rupert, Idaho, January 28; Burley, 29; Buhl, 30.

Burns Brothers' Alabama Troubadours—Everson, Wash., January 26; Blaine, 26-28; Sedro Wolley, 29.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Allen, Arthur
Austin, Buster
Blue, Steal
Burton, Wayne
Benjamin, A. E.
Churchill, P. E.
Carr, J. E.
Caldwell & Wilson
Crosby, James
Cheers, Jack
Craddock, J.
Campbell, Bud
Dryden, Carl.
DeGaston, Gallie
Earle, Robert
Edwards, Frank
Easton, Sidney
English, J. A.
Edwards, B.
Freels, Eugene
Fisher, Wm. Keg
Glenn & Brogsdale
Gardner and Graham
Harper, Lenord
Hull, D. R.
Hooten, Eugene
Harris, Chas. J.
Housley Bros.
Johnson, Elwood
Junniper, Johnny
Johnson, James
Jackson, Russell
Kennedy, Goff
Keith, Frank
Lacy, A. M.
Lewis, James E.
Latimore, Raymond
Lockhart, Tom
Murphy and Thomas
Moore, Elmer
Martin, Jerry
Muse, C. E.
McQuitty, M.
McCoy, Wm.
Nichols, Frank
Paschal, H. W.
Pugh, Wm.
The Pattersons
Piper and Washburn
Phillips, Wm.
Porter, P. J.
Original Rags
Reed, Harry
Riley and Riley
Scott, Richard
Sadler & Sadler
Sandifer, J. B.
Stamper, Geo.
Tonsiel, Billie C.
Sparrow, Bennie
Thompson, Thomas
Thompson, Danna
Van Pelt, Walter
West, J. W.
King, Williams
Worthington, Harry
Wallace, C. H.

Ladies' List.

Adams, Mary Lizzie
Allen, Miss Inda
Benjamin, Nellie
Brown, Mrs. Cleo M.
Bostwick, Marie
Brown, Magnolia
Cox, Miss D. M.
Garrette, Miss Evlyn
Delk, Tootsie
Davenport, Mable
Davis, Anna
Hayden, Mrs. Creola V.
Jackson, Mrs. Ora
Jackson, Marguerite
Lester, Carrie
Lazzo, Josephine
McGinty, Artie B.
McCoy, Viola
Nelison, Miss Lucile
Nicklos, Ray
Pendelton, Mildred
Pugh, Lizzie B.
Ringgold, Isola
Redmond, Della
Smith, Laura
Struffin, Gertrude
Samuels, Miss Effie
Van Clay, Elizabeth
Queen, Dora
Wallburg, Mrs. Rae
Wilson, Miss Ruth

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By Salem Tutt Whitney
With the Smart Set Co.

EMPTY.

God pity the mother—
Who, in the silent watches of the night,
Forgetting that her babe has taken flight
To dwell with Him, in realms of endless bliss,
Dreams she holds its form—feels the Milk-sweet kiss—
Then startled by night's alarms,
Awakes to fold it in her arms—
And finds them—EMPTY.

God pity the child—
Who, with inexplicable grief and pain
And aching heart, sees the funeral train
Carry its mother's corpse, so cold and still
And lay it 'neath the willows by the hill,
When "Now I lay me's" have been said
Expects to hear: "Now jump in bed!"
And finds life—EMPTY.

God pity the wife—
Who, watched her husband go to take his place
In war's grim ranks, with pallid tear-stained face,
Forgetting the brief message that had told
Of his brave death—and name in history scrolled,
Sits down to take her daily fare,
Looks then toward his favorite chair—
And finds it—EMPTY.

God pity the man—
Who, returning home when the day is done,
Tenderly greets his children, one by one,
Nor sees in their torn frocks and unkempt hair,
The lack of a good mother's care,
Forgetting all in their merry bloom,
Hastens into his helpmate's room—
And finds it—EMPTY.

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Accompanied by Miss Hillman and Miss Theresa West, who is a niece of the Mother Superior, I visited the St. Frances' Orphan Asylum for Girls, Normandy, Mo. The invitation came from the Mother Superior and to say we were welcomely received and hospitably entertained is expressing it all too lightly. The Home is situated in one of the most beautiful suburbs of St. Louis, Mo. It is the home of more than 75 motherless and fatherless little children. Here they are housed and clothed, while the good Mother Superior and her Sisters look after their physical welfare. When we arrived at the home we found a delicious breakfast awaiting us. Then the little ones were shown. We found them in the kindergarten department. As we entered every child arose, unbidden, to its feet and we were greeted with a cheery good morning. Then the Mother Superior asked them if they would not sing for us, and what do you think those dear little orphans sang? "Nobody Owns Papa but Mamma and Me." The scene and singing were so sweetly pathetic that Miss Hillman's emotions broke in a flood of tears. The children were well and warmly clad and all seemed as happy as is possible for children to be who have never known the loving care of a devoted mother or the strong protection of a good father. The establishment is large in its proportions and beautifully appointed. The chapel is the place beautiful. Everything is thoroughly modern and built upon lines of sanitation and safety. In the dormitory the beds were neatly made and snowy white, here and there could be seen a little rag doll with its ugly, misshapen head laid lovingly upon a little pillow and one could imagine how, under cover of the friendly darkness, these little orphans strained them to their barren bosoms and poured out all their pent-up affections upon these priceless treasures.

The St. Frances' Orphan Asylum is under the direction of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. The first order of Colored Sisters in the United States, founded 1829, Baltimore, Md. Father Joubert, who started the order, was a native of San Domingo. During the insurrection of the Blacks of that island, he barely escaped with his life and was the only survivor of his family. He came to Baltimore, there studied and was ordained a priest. He joined the Sulpician Society, and in a spirit of charity and compassion, resolved to do all in his sacerdotal power for the regeneration of the race that had so grievously wronged him. The Mother Superior has been in charge in St. Louis for more than 18 years. The story of her valiant struggle against race prejudice and the bitter enmity of creeds would make an interesting volume. When one considers the great work this holy woman has accomplished and views the magnitude of her present labors, it is hard to believe that there are any so blinded by prejudice of race or creed that they would not subscribe willingly to the assistance and maintenance of this home for little Negro orphans. The Sisters are happy in their labor of love and ask not praise or recompense. They think as their Mother Superior: "Soli Deo Honor et Gloria" (to God alone be honor and glory).

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The stellar attraction at the Booker Washington Theatre last week was the side-splitting comedy entitled: "The Real Estate Agent," enacted by Harrison Stewart and wife and J. A. Cooke and Jeannette Murphy, all late of Black Patti Troubadours. Mr. Stewart is an original comedian with a style all his own. He is innately funny and his infectious humor never fails to communicate to his audiences. W. A. Cooke is famed for his versatility. As a tramp delineator he is without a peer. The Booker Washington Theatre is one of the prettiest colored playhouses in the country and under the judicious management of Mr. Charles Turpin, who is also its owner, has enjoyed a run of uninterrupted prosperity. Mr. Turpin books only acts of class and merit and the theater is supported by the elite of St. Louis.

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Miss Edna Morton, tango dancer, Miss Mamie Gardener and Will Smith joined the Smart Set Company in St. Louis, Mo.

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Members of the Smart Set Company were royally entertained at the Keystone Cafe and Garden. Chas. Mills, proprietor, was lavish in his hospitality. Thos. Q. Mills is the star entertainer. His singing was enjoyed by all present.

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Tom Turpin is still doing business at the same old stand. Mr. Turpin's place has been a professional headquarters for many years. Nora Warrington is one of the very few colored men who is allowed to conduct a club in St. Louis. Mr. Warrington's place is popular with all.

Herbert T. Meadows, ad writer and publicity expert, city editor and advertising manager of the St. Louis Argus, one of the leading newspapers of the country, spent an evening behind the scenes with the Smart Set Company. He was an interested and an intelligent spectator of all that transpired there. Mr. Meadows is one of the busiest men in St. Louis. In two years' time, mainly by his own efforts, he has made the "Argus" a necessity to over 8,000 homes. Any church entertainment, society function or public meeting that is dependent upon the public for its success, finds it necessary to advertise in the Argus. Much of the phenomenal success that attended the Smart Set's St. Louis engagement was due to the advance notices carried in the Argus. The Argus is sure to be a success because Mr. Meadows possesses boundless enthusiasm, a prodigal capacity for hard work and an unweaning love for his paper.

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James Sleet, with Dr. Bailey, entertained J. Homer Tutt, Miss Blanche Thompson, Theresa West, Jennie Hillman, Helen Jackson and G. C. Wilson at the Commercial Hotel, corner Morgan street and Ewing avenue. W. Johnson is the proprietor, with Mr. Sleet as manager. The hotel is finely furnished and spacious, having 79 rooms, steam heat, electric lights and 15 baths.

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The Lyceum Theatre can boast of having as fine an orchestra and as efficient a stage crew as any show house in the country. They are a genuine bunch of "good fellows." They did everything possible to assist the company and add to their comfort while in St. Louis. Here's wishing Bill and his baby girl many years of happiness and prosperity.

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The following pretty little poem was given me at the St. Frances' Orphan Asylum:

God never Forgets His Own.

Do you think that the Lord forgets you
Because you must fight and pray,
And reap the sorrow-harvest
You've sown from day to day?
Do you think that He lets you suffer
And never heeds your moan?
Ah, no! for the dear Lord Jesus
Will never forget His own.

Do you think because your heart aches
With a bitter, cruel pain,
And your life's sweet, happy sunshine
Is shadowed by storm and rain,
And the music is hushed and silenced
Till you hear but the undertone,
That the dear Lord Jesus forgets you
He never forgets His own.

Do you think that because the sorrow
All human hearts must know
Has come to you or the darling
You loved and cherished so,
And things you want have vanished,
The things you would call your own,
That the dear Lord Jesus forgets you?
He never forgets His own.

And we're all His own dear children,
And He holds us all as dear
As you do your own sweet wee one
Who creeps to your heart so near;
And if we will only listen
We can hear His tender tone:
"Oh, rest in peace, My children;
I never forget My own."

S. H. DUDLEY TALKS OUT.

Why the Show Business is Getting on the Bum—Gives Good Advice.

After making a trip over my circuit and very closely observing the conditions, I must say that performers are doing more to kill the show business than anyone else. In this way: First, an act will write to me or Mr. Klein's Consolidated Exchange for an engagement and if we can't give them the date they asked for, they will wildcat in a town and see the local manager of the theatre. He tells them that he can't use them this week. The act remains there until they are broke and the next week apply for a job again. They are broke now and all they want is expense money. Tell the manager that they are willing to work for expenses. The manager gives the team $20.00 for the week's service. At the same time he knows that Mr. Klein or myself has offered this act to him for $60 or $70. Of course, the manager is going to take the act for $20, when it has been recommended by Mr. Klein or myself at the above figure. Why wouldn't he take it for $20?

The next thing, Mr. Klein, myself or whoever offers the act, gets a wire "Cancel one act next week, cheap team here, letter coming." My filing case is full of just such wires, and Mr. Klein's as well. You can't blame the manager. I would do the same. I am simply writing this to show you the real conditions of the Negro theatrical business. Now this same act has failed to secure a position elsewhere at the end of the week and they are broke. They are getting desperate now and cut $5 more off of his salary and stays in this house the next week. Mr. Act is now getting $15. Agents have offered this same act $60 and $70. This continues for three or four weeks and throws acts out of work who have contracts for these dates from authorized agents. This same act plays the house so long that they kill themselves and the manager begins to kick that his business is falling off. Why wouldn't it fall off? The act might be ever so good, it might be a "show stopper" but the people get tired of seeing the same faces, no matter how good they are. This manager is just as much to blame as the performer for killing the show business. How does he expect to stay in a house three or four weeks and make money out of it? One of the greatest show magnates of the present day is Marcus Lowe, who can give an act 52 weeks' work and all of them are split weeks. The manager of colored houses must get wise and copy after successful managers and not after those who have failed.

The colored vaudeville game is just in its infancy. With good management, it can be elevated and be made a financial success. Of course, the colored time can't be split weeks at present as the jumps are too long for actors to realize anything out of it, but it will soon come to it.

When I first organized the Dudley Circuit I did business with managers of theatres who were holding acts six and eight weeks and "believe me," I had my troubles, and when I told them that I could give them an entirely new bill each week, they said that it would cost too much, but I finally convinced them that new people would make their business more profitable. I raised the actor's salary from $35 to $40 to where it is today and also pulled the houses up to paying propositions and the managers realized that good acts, at a little better salary, was the proper thing and now I very often get wires from managers asking me to cancel some cheap act that I have scheduled for them and send them a strong team.

For the betterment of the colored show business, both manager and performers should be held to all contracts they sign and the authorized agent should have full control of booking acts and there should be some penalty for the breaking of this contract by either party.

This would eliminate Mr. Contract Jumper and then we could bring colored show business on a business par the same as banks and other successful business enterprises.

The manager of the theatres are as much to blame as the performer. When they select their booking agent, if he doesn't prove satisfactory, they should select another. There are two recognized colored booking offices, Klein's Consolidated Booking Exchange and S. H. Dudley Theatrical Enterprises. When the managers meet and form a "Managers' Protective Association" and the performers get together and organize a similar organization, there will be no more $15 actors. This will be the means of building up the show business.

Another great fault of actors has been that they don't stick together long enough to be a box office attraction. They work with one partner two or three weeks and then write in for work with another partner or single. The performers don't study. They throw a lot of junk together that they have gotten from acts on the bills they have worked on. They open with a double song, then tell a few jokes, one goes off and the other sings a song, he exits and the other comes on and sings a song, then they close with a double song or dance.

The manager, too, is to blame for this. To have a vaudeville bill you must have variety. When we book a novelty act he tells you "Novelty acts don't go in my house." What encouragement is there to offer performers who study and offer something original and how are we going to pull up show business when all acts offer the same thing?

Think this over and let us get together for the betterment of Negro show business.

THE PASSING SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

By AR-W-TEE.

Dudley's Return to Vaudeville.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 14.—After nearly five months of stock, during which time the Martin & Motley Company ran the gamut of good things in musical comedy and demonstrated staying powers of gilt-edged variety, Dudley's popular U Street house returned last week to the popular vaudeville diet. Manager Lew W. Henry agreeably surprised his patrons by presenting four well-balanced acts, besides a group of fine pictures. The bill included Baker & Hillman, a funny pair; Nip & Tuck, the dancing wonders; Tom Melton, the musical tramp, and Ricks & Talbert, a well-known "sister team." Manager Henry intends to make his home theater a model for the other houses of the Dudley circuit, and he has in mind a number of ambitious plans which he will unfold in due season. Keep your eye on him. Miss Desdemona Barnett presides at the box office in her usual queenly fashion and Frederico DeBotts, one of the right-hand men of the Dudley staff, officiates with dignity and precision as stage manager. Miss Clara Oliver is all that any performer can ask as a pianist and Mr. S. P. Jones is there on the drum, alternating with the old reliable "String Beans." This week another fine bill holds the boards at the Dudley-Henry castle on U street.

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Susie Sutton is in Virginia this week. This clever character impersonator and singing comedienne has completely recovered from the effects of her recent illness and is now in better health than she has been for several months. Upon returning to her home for the Christmas holidays she was booked for a week at the Howard, but suffered a nervous breakdown just after the Monday afternoon rehearsal and was compelled to cancel her engagement. Miss Sutton has a host of friends here, and during the holidays her home was the rallying point for them all, and she was the recipient of many beautiful and costly presents, among them a lavalliere studded with diamonds and pearls, a diamond ring and a vanity case of a new pattern, richly stocked with the dainties used in connection with "milady's" toilet.

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Daisy Martin and William Ramsay put in a good week here at the Howard recently. They have an act called "The Chef and the Maid." Ramsay's "Dream Days" and Miss Martin's "It's Too Late Now" are taking features of the new skit.

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The Griffin Sisters, Emma and Mabel, are now full-fledged Washingtonians, although they will maintain headquarters in Chicago for their western booking interests. Their cosy flat at 1907½ Ninth street northwest is furnished in exquisite taste, and is conveniently located for their friends in and out of the profession. Their hospitable latchstring always hangs on the outside and they are entertainers of the whole-souled Kentucky variety. They are to have a big "house warming" shortly, and many representative people of the capital will be on hand to bid them welcome to their new habitat. The Griffin sisters hold the lease on a well-known theater in this city and are actively negotiating for others here and elsewhere. They are business women to the core, and are engaged in promoting an enterprise that will make the theatrical world "sit up and take notice" when its details are made public. In the meantime investors looking for a paying proposition will do well to write them at the address given above.

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The Washington admirers of Miss Effie King were treated to a delightful surprise last week when the curtain went up on the act of the "Three Cuban Nightingales" and she was discovered to be the principal performer of that engaging trio. Associated with her were Nina Marshall (known in private life as Mrs. Salem Tutt Whitney), and Violet Van Vlerah, new to this section of the country, but who made a fine impression at once. All of the ladies are clever in their separate lines and work together as happily as if the team had been in existence for years. The act is one of the best on the road. It is clean, the songs are well selected and admirably rendered, and the costumes are the last word in novelty and gorgeousness. Miss King appears in male attire and seems so thoroughly at home in her "chappy" toggery that the remark was made in more than one quarter that in her "the logical successor of Aida Overton Walker has come at last." Miss King has made a study of masculine impersonation, and now that she has a part that fits her like a glove, in an act that gives her agreeable surroundings, it is likely that she will abandon "skirts" altogether, for stage purposes, and adopt this as her specialty. Miss Marshall is graceful and petite and her duet, "Dreamy Glide," with Miss King is a fascinating number and never fails to score. Miss Van Vlerah approaches prima donna heights in her superb rendition of "The Beautiful Isle D'Amour." The trio closes strong with a new and strikingly dramatic interpretation of "It's Too Late Now," showing Miss King in a flirtation with two female charmers, who make it warm for "him" for a while, but ends with satisfaction for all. The Cuban Nightingales went to Richmond for a week, but a return engagement is looked for soon. They have firmly established themselves in this neck-o'-the-woods.

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Miss Lyllyn Browne and Billy DeMont, who make Washington their home, are in New Orleans. Miss Browne has been seriously ill, but is reported to be steadily improving. They had a successful season with Billy King's Stock Company in Jacksonville, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., and put in some good time at the Temple in New Orleans. They are expected home in February, prior to going out on the Dudley circuit.

Miss Gertrude Struffin and Minstrel Morris are new members of the Martin and Motley Stock Company. This popular aggregation has now moved over to the Foraker.

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When it comes to putting over the funny stuff, you have to hand it to Murphy and Walker. Their "quarrel scene" is not so stately a stunt as the one pulled off between Brutus and Cassius by one Bill Shakespeare, but it's a lot more up to date and truer to life, as the colored brother sees it. Not a more natural episode is enacted by any of our talking comedians than the sidewalk "fuss" carried on by Murphy and Walker, assuming the roles of two very belligerent and very ignorant colored brethren, but who wish to appear so learned that Old Socrates would be compelled to take off his hat as he passed. As dancers they are in a class by themselves and their comedy goes across without apparent effort on their part to be funny. Both are extremely clever and their methods are so individual that there can be neither rivalry nor comparison between them. They are drawing cards anywhere.

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Miss Gertrude M. Ryan, the Howard's accomplished treasurer, is a cashier unto the manor born. She knows the business from A to Z, and is a tremendously valuable asset to the Thomas management in making the house a popular center. Always in a good humor and personally interested in seeing to it that everybody gets the seat they want—or the next best thing—Miss Ryan makes a ticket-buyer so glad that he's living that he comes around the next night and buys another, just to be inspired by her perennial smile. Miss Ryan is one of the permanent institutions at the Howard.

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The Majestic, which has had a career of ups and downs, is now under white sub-management, and is making a bid for colored patronage by advertising the colored papers and giving the race special accommodations—in the balcony. The lease has been in the hands of Frank Brown, passing to the Griffin sisters who now share it jointly with white persons. It is doubtful if any one can make the Majestic pay. It is a relic of other days. For our people, the trend is up-town, and only the strongest kind of a show will draw them across Pennsylvania avenue.

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Good reports come from T. Spencer Finley, who has just succeeded the late Marion Brooks as manager at the Lincoln Theater, Cincinnati.

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Many persons who enjoyed the high-class act put on at the Howard recently by Elizabeth Hart Dorsey and Siren Nevarro Brown, were under the impression that they were white, and the race got no credit for their splendid work. Both of the ladies are quite fair and would ordinarily be taken for Caucasians, but they are "colored" in all else than tint and are intensely loyal to their people. Prof. William H. Dorsey, the noted musical director and composer, the husband of the prima donna, came down from New York especially to conduct the orchestra for his wife's classic numbers. He has arranged an entirely new orchestration for Cole and Johnson's "Bleeding Moon," which is being featured by Mrs. Dorsey in picturesque Indian costumes. Miss Nevarro Brown introduced "Tipperary" to colored audiences here and this up-to-date selection, together with her toe-dancing and other difficult steps, put her in high favor. Mrs. Dorsey's Spanish number was worthy of her magnificent voice. They dress their act richly, and in quality it has all the elements that characterize the productions seen in the best music halls of London and Paris. Mrs. Dorsey and Mrs. Brown are now in New York, preparing to go out on Barney Meyers' United Time, which will carry them into some of the finest white houses in the land.

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"Aunt Jane," beloved of the profession, is quite ill at her home, 811 Florida avenue, N. W.

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L. C. Caldwell, who has been a member of the Tempo Club Orchestra in New York City, has returned.

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Mrs. Daisy W. Henson, deputy of the Daughter Elks of the district, has an attractive Actors' Home at 649 Florida avenue, N. W., and keeps open house for the best element of the profession at all times. Visiting artists should not fail to call and see her when in town.

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The Howard University Dramatic Club is getting ready for its annual performance.

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Lewis T. Thomas has an orchestra of colored musicians at the Jardin Dansante, 15th and F streets, and they are making good with the classiest kind of dance music.

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A Symphony Orchestra is on the way. It is time the cultured capital of the nation is waking up.

The Amphion Glee Club has a comic opera in preparation.

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The Hiawatha Theater has a clientele all its own and is full two or three times every night. It caters to the element that prefers its pictures straight—and they have "some pictures," too. Managers Keyes and Murray know their business and they give their patrons just what they want.

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An airdome on 9th street is one of the attractions promised for the spring.

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The Griffin sisters will go on a brief southern tour when they can arrange their business affairs in such a way that they can leave the city for a while.

THE OPERATIC SONG BIRD.

Marguerite Lushia I. Berlein Johnson.

The well-known prima donna singer will now appear in vaudeville. The prima donna is equal to a mocking bird and her line of songs are classy. She cleans up wherever she goes. She is well trained and knows how to go through her line of work. When she sings "Senora" and "Ava Marie" and "If I Had a Boy Like You," she makes anyone stop and think of the idea. Miss Johnson would like to book any house that's honest.

Marguerite Lushia I. Berleni Johnson.

All mail reaches her at 1002 West 8th street, Owensboro, Ky. She says "Hello, John Wells."

STAGE NOTES.

Harry J. Earle, eccentric singing and dancing comedian, is still with the Damon Musical Comedy Co. doing principal comedy. Mrs. Anna B. Earle will join the show Monday, January 11, after a month's vacation with her mother in Chicago December 30. Her brother, Henry Moore, died. He was buried Sunday, January 3. The Damon show is doing nicely through southern Wisconsin. Regards to all friends.

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Perryman & Styles are at heir home in Beaumont, Texas, spending a while with their people.

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ALL ABOUT JACK JOHNSON—HIS $30,000 IN JEOPARDY—GEN. CARRANZA HAS TIME TO NOTE THE CHAMP—JESS WILLARD DISCUSSED.

(By Billy Lewis.)

According to the latest Champ Jack Johnson is at Buenos Aires, Argentina, or on his way north, at this date. It is nowhere written how he made his exit from Europe. It is not thought that he was in difficulty; but he has such a dramatic way in his entrances to new scenes and in his exits that to miss an account of them is a positive loss to the world's stock of curiosity. The war has been such an absorbing theme that Johnson has not shone so illustriously as he would have done had there not been the present European mixup. In due time, perhaps, it will come out how his highness traveled from London to Buenos Aires.

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It is generally known, or thought, that Jess Willard is to meet Johnson at Juarez, Mexico, March 6, 1915. Following fast behind this intelligence comes the information that Carranza, one of the government heads of that country, will keep a sharp lookout for Mr. Johnson in the event he tries to carry out the scheme. The intelligence does not seem to be deep witted; however, it may be true. The general, according to what is said of him, is in a pet because he has understood that his rival, General Villa, would profit out of the pot. It appears strange that Carranza should unbend his great mind so as to take cognizance of the proposed event. But Jack is no small personage; his events are great events; and so the Carranzas and the Villas can afford to halt the prosecution of a war to take items of the Negro champ..

Carranza says that he intends to arrest Don Juan Johnson the minute he puts his fighting feet on Mexican soil on the grounds that he is a fugitive from justice, and turn him over to the United States authorities. The developments of the near future will be very interesting indeed. Will the champ risk his precious carcass by going to Juarez? From what is understood money has already been advanced to him, sufficient to take care of his ordinary expenses. It looks like business. But Carranza may mean business also. In short, the champ is up against it. I dare say he needs that additional $30,000 and extras. He lives in such splendid state that his wad melts like snow in the summer time. He can retrench, however, and perhaps has done so.

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In spite of the seeming halt in the fight procedings between Johnson and Willard there is no letting up in the talk about the preparedness of the two men. The other day Bob Fitzsimmons had this to say:

"There is not a decent white heavyweight boxer in the country. Johnson has a good stronghold on the heavyweight crown and he will keep it for a long time, don't forget that. Johnson was boxing preliminaries on the coast twenty-five years ago, when I came to America, and he is boxing yet. He knows too much for any of the heavyweights in the ring today. This Johnson-Willard match does not look any too good to me. Willard may be big and strong, but outside of that he has no chance. They claim he has more strength than Johnson, but any one who has a sixteen-inch forearm, the kind Johnson still retains, is not a very weak person, and if Willard expects to win by sheer strength and weight he is likely to be a party to an unwelcome surprise."

Jack Curley, who is looking after the business end of the fight, says that it will come off at Juarez, Mexico, at the Jockey Club, March 6.

He has arranged for Willard's training place on this side of the line and has closed with Jim Jeffries and Jim Flynn to train and spar with the white hope.

Johnson will reach Juarez the last of January to begin his preliminary training at the racetrack.

Owing to the unsettled condition of Mexico the promoters are taking chances, not to speak of what Carranza threatens.

Mr. Curley said recently, when speaking of the proposed go:

"I think Willard will whip Johnson sure. Barney Oldfield, Tom McCarey, and Jim Jeffries have clubbed together and will back Jess up to $20,000 just as a personal flyer. This is what makes me believe that Jess can whip Johnson. All the other men who have fought him have been little men, such fellows as Ketchel, Burns and Flynn, for instance. They tore into Johnson. That's his dish. He doesn't ask for anything better because he's the greatest defensive fighter in the world. The minute these men rushed in he stepped back, poked them with the left and then stepped in with a right uppercut, tearing their heads off. Now he can't do that with Jess."

Again he said:

"Willard is 6 feet 6 inches and he couldn't be reached with a right uppercut so easily. Then again he fights a waiting fight exactly like Johnson. You can bet your boots that he will be instructed to wait Johnson out. He'd do it even if we didn't tell him to.

"I'm positive that Jess Willard will bring home the title next March. He's the greatest fighter in the ring today. You know when Jess gets his dander up he hits so hard that he finds himself pulling his punches so that he won't put his men out for keeps."

Curley is talking courageously of his man, and as he should do. "Faint heart never won fair lady" is the old saw and it is pretty nearly that way. The timid fellow sometimes wins out, but he is so "few and far between" that he is merely the exception to the rule.

JESS WILLARD'S RECORD.

		Rds.
	1911.	
K.	Ed. Burke, El Reno, Okla	3
K.	Louis Fink, Oklahoma City	3
K.	Al. Mandino, Oklahoma City	4
K.	Joe Kavanaugh, Oklahoma City	11
K.	Bill Schiller, Oklahoma City	4
W.	Frank Lyon, Elk county, Okla	10
W.	Mike Comiskey, Hamilton, Okla	10
	1912.	
K.	John Young, Fort Wayne, Ind	6
K.	John Young, South Chicago	5
K.	Frank Bowers, St. Charles, Ill	3
W.	Arthur Pelkey, New York	10
K.	Sailor White, Buffalo	1
K.	Soldier Kearns, New York	8
	1913.	
K.	Frank Bauer, Fort Wayne, Ind	5
K.	Jack Leon, Fort Wayne, Ind	4
L.	Gunboat Smith, San Francisco	20
D.	Charley Miller, San Francisco	4
K.	Al. Williams, Reno, Nev	8
K.	Bull Young, Vernon, Cal	11
	1914.	
K.	Geo. Rodel, New Haven, Conn	9
K.	One-Round Davis, Buffalo	2
W.	Carl Morris, New York	10
K.	George Rodel, Atlanta, Ga	5
K.	Dan Daly, Buffalo	9

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Now comes some practical-minded sport writer who says that he can not figure out any profit coming from the fight, in event of it being pulled off, going to any one except Jack Johnson. He writes the story of the Las Vegas fight as a doubtful financial venture. He, however, has nothing to say of the Paris fight which, I think, was a big financial success. No report on that phase has been published in this country. One can get an idea only by the price of seats, the hall's capacity and the nearness of the filling of that capacity. The fight was pulled off on the eve of a great racing event, and which made for success, had there been doubt of the event at an ordinary time. After more or less caustic comment he concludes with this paragraph:

"According to Curley ring followers in the West are enthusiastic over Willard's chances and the fight will attract large numbers from that section of the country. However, if this is so there is no evidence of it. Sporting writers in California and the Middle West are ridiculing the match. Out on the coast where Willard met defeat at the hands of Gunboat Smith the giant Kansas is looked upon as a false alarm. Around Milwaukee and Chicago Willard is regarded as a joke fighter pure and simple. In fact, the big fellow has been dealt with more kindly in New York than anywhere else."

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Only seven teams have defeated Yale at football.

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Boston may stage an indoor sportsmen's show in the Mechanics' building next April.

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Marvin Hart, ex-heavyweight pugilist, is now the manager of a white hope in Louisville.

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The annual national dog show will be held in Birmingham, England, on January 20 and 21.

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Not a single touchdown was scored against the Cornell eleven by rushing the ball in the last season recently completed.

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During the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco forty-two different sporting events will be run off between February 22 and October 23.

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Ed Geers, the veteran driver, plans to take Anvil, Etawah and a few other light harness horses to San Francisco for the June meeting.

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In the recent schoolboy meet held in Madison Square garden, New York, 2,030 boys competed. In the four relay races there were 1,010 competitors.

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Abel Kiviat and Hannes Kolemainen, of the New York Irish-American A. C., are among the likely contestants in the Panama-Pacific sports at San Francisco this summer.

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The National Sporting Club, of London, has decided to grant pensions of $5 a week to all champions holding Lord Lonsdale belts after they have arrived at the age of fifty years.

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University of Iowa will ask the state legislature for an appropriation of $10,000 for the development of athletics in the university. It is proposed to use the money for immediate sports.

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The Boston National League team's new ground will be without a "sun field." The ground will be laid out facing the northeast. The playing field will be sunk fifteen feet below the street level.

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Following the holidays the big eastern university students will again take up training for hockey, crew, track, fencing, wrestling, swimming, gymnastics and baseball workouts for battery candidates.

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In Australia, the official racing judge at horse races, has no other duties than to place the horses as they finish. The racing is watched over by three stipendiary stewards, who occupy an elevated stand close to the judge's box.

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The Crystal Palace, London's famous recreation ground, is closed to the public until after the war, in order to provide training quarters for the soldiers. It is estimated that at least 10,000 men will bunk in the glass exhibition hall.

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Altoona, Pa.—Before the Lincoln A. C. January 13, Harry Baker, of Wilmington, Del., beat Jack Blackburn, of this city, by a small margin and Johnnie Gill, of New York, and Johnny Celmar, of Pittsburg, fought six hard and fast rounds to a draw.

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Chicago.—Jess Willard leaves, Chicago tonight for southern hunting grounds, where he will stalk Jack Johnson and the world's heavyweight title—not to [illegible] quite a sum of money. Jes[illegible] real work for the big battle a[illegible] Excelsior Springs, Colo.

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Al Gutterson, the big Vermont athlete who astonished the world by jumping 24 feet 11½ inches in the running broad jump at the Stockholm Olympic games in 1913, has decided that he is far from being a "has been," and expects to compete again next year.

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New York.—Jim Flynn, the Pueblo heavyweight, decisively outpointed Al Reich, former amateur heavyweight champion of the world, in ten rounds of milling at the Broadway A. C., Jan. 13. Reich sprained his wrist in the second round and was able to use but one arm, according to his friends.

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King George of England's horses won the largest aggregate in stakes on the English turf in 1914 than in any year since his accession to the throne. This result is due in the main to Friar Marcus, which won $39,750 of the total of $59,725 resulting from eleven victories gained by six bearers of the royal purple and scarlet.

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Jackie Moore, heavy featherweight champion of the world, has been challenged by Proctor Brown for a 20-round go at Walter L. Cohen's athletic club, New Orleans. He is anxious to take on Lee Johnson, Mexican Kid. His manager thinks he can beat any body in the world of his class. He recently had a hard fight with Papas, a white boy, at Leadville, Colo., ending in a draw. His manager thinks a draw with a white boy with everything in his favor showed Moore up to advantage. He says that he outfought the Greek all the way through.

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New York.—The New York Giants and the Cleveland Naps may play exhibition games at El Paso, across the river from Juarez, Mexico, on the two days preceding the Johnson-Willard fight, March 6. Manager McGraw today acknowledged he had the plan under consideration, and would probably put it up to officials of the Cleveland Club. The Giants' training camp is at Marlin, Texas, and the Naps at San Antonio. Should the Naps turn down the proposal it is likely two picked teams from the Giant's squad will stage the exhibition games.

1914 BILLIARD CROWNS RETAINED BY CHAMPIONS.

Willie Hoppe, Alfredo de Oro and Bennie Allen Each Defend Titles.

A notable feature of the year 1914 in billiards was that not a single title changed hands. William F. Hoppe, of New York, retained possession of the 18-2 and 18-1 championships and in addition gained first hold on the new 14-1 Brunswick trophy, emblematic of the world's championship at that style of balk-line. Alfred De Oro gained permanent possession of the Jordan Lambert three-cushion emblem, while Bennie Allen, of Kansas City, won the Brunswick pocket billiard emblem outright.

Following are the leading billiard events of the year:

January 5-7—Alfredo De Oro, New York, retained the three-cushion title by defeating Charles Morin, Chicago, 150 to 113, at Chicago.

January 28-30—Bennie Allen, Kansas City, retained the pocket billiard championship by defeating James Maturo, Denver, 600 to 587, at Seattle.

February 3—William F. Hoppe, New York, retained the 18-2 title by defeating George Sutton, Chicago, 500 to 226, at New York City.

February 23-25—William F. Hoppe, New York, defeated George Sutton, Chicago, 1,500 to 734, in special match at 18-2, for purse of $2,000. Hoppe set world's average of 135 1-4 for 541 points on second night, and had grand average of 55 15-27.

March 7—William F. Hoppe, New York, won tournament at 18-2, at Chicago, winning four games and averaging 43 22-46. Sutton, Yamada, Demarest and Slosson finishing as named.

March 10-12—Alfredo De Oro retained three-cushion championship by defeating Fred Eames, Denver, 150 to 107, at New York City.

March 20—William F. Hoppe, New York, retained 18-1 title by defeating George Sutton, Chicago, 500 to 228, at New York City.

March 21—Edward W. Gardner, Upper Montclair, N. J., won the amateur 18-2 championship by defeating Morris D. Brown, of Brooklyn, in playoff of tie. In the tournament each won five games and lost one.

April 1-3—Bennie Allen, Kansas City, retained pocket billiard title by defeating Edward I. Ralph, Hightstown, N. J., 600 to 346.

Wins at 14-1 Balk.

April 20-28—William F. Hoppe, New York, won the first world's championship tournament for the 14-1 title at New York City, averaging 25 65-109. Demarest, Morningstar, Sutton were next in order. Yamada, Cline and Slosson tied for the fifth place, Jake Schaefer finishing last.

June 3-5—Bennie Allen, Kansas City, retained pocket billiard championship by defeating Ray Pratt, of San Francisco, 600 to 149 at Kansas City.

September 18—Pierre Maupome made run of 18 at three cushions in match game with Charles Peterson, at St. Louis.

September 28 to October 3—W. F. Hoppe, New York, won first block of international match at balkline and English billiards from Melbourne Inman, of London, 4,285 to 3,703.

October 12-17—W. F. Hoppe defeated Melbourne Inman in second block of international match at Chicago, 3,684 to 3,542.

October 21-24—W. F. Hoppe won third block of international match against M. Inman, at Montreal, 2,865 to 2,509.

October 28-30—Alfredo De Oro gained permanent possession of Lambert Jordan three-cushion trophy by defeating George Moore, New York, 150 to 92, at New York City.

December 2-4—Bennie Allen, Kansas City, won permanent possession of Brunswick pocket billiard emblem, by defeating James Maturo, Denver, 600 to 493, at Kansas City.

WILLIE TIN LAI, WHITE SOX.

The first Chinese in the professional baseball world in America is Willie Tin Lai, of Honolulu, who came to join the Chicago White Sox. He has been captain of the Honolulu Chinese team. If he fulfils expectations in the spring training in California, he will become a regular member of the Sox. He visited the United States with the Honolulu Chinese team in 1912 and 1913. Windy City fans already are joking about Willie and his advantages over all others when talking to the umpire after being called out on strikes. What will his nobs say when Willie shouts in Chinese: "You big leather headed bat, why don't you take a course in the blind institute?"

GET ON TO THE NEW SWIMMING STROKE.

Aquatic experts are today deeply interested in a new type of swimming stroke called a double trudgeon crawl. It is a slight modification of the old trudgeon crawl stroke. Students of the aquatic sport believe it will prove more effective than the latter in middle and long distance swimming. The big advantage of the new stroke is that it enables the swimmer to use the power of his legs to greater advantage than in any of the other styles of strokes.

The difference between the old and new trudgeon strokes is merely one of leg drive. In the trudgeon crawl the swimmer takes a narrow scissor kick at the finish of the top arm, then performs a continuous crawl thrash until the time comes for another scissor. In the new stroke, instead, the first scissor is followed by a fluttering motion of the feet, then the swimmer rolls gently and introduces a second scissor kick, this time driving with the other leg at the end for underarm pull. Briefly, the leg action is a continuous crawl thrash with narrow scissor kick brought in as each arm completes its pull.

The stroke was first exhibited in competition by Joseph Wheatley, of the New York A. C., holder of the 500-meter American record.

GEN. CARRANZA THREATENS TO ARREST JACK JOHNSON WHEN HE STEPS ON MEXICAN SOIL.

El Paso, Tex.—From the French frying pan of European conflict, Jack Johnson will jump into the fire of Mexican revolution when he lands in Mexico for his fight with Jess Willard at Juarez.

Consul General Garcia of the Carranza consulate received a message from Venustiano Carranza dated Vera Cruz asking for immediate information regarding the expected arrival of Jack. Gen. Carranza, the "first chief of the revolution," announced in the telegram that he intended to arrest Don Juan Johnson, first chief of the heavyweights, the minute he puts his fighting feet on Mexican soil, as a military offender, because he was in conspiracy with "traitor" Villa to replenish the depleted Villa treasury by having the fight in Juarez.

Garcia replied to the "first chief" that Johnson was a fugitive from justice in the United States and suggested that he must present recently issued American passports before he be allowed to pass through any port held by the Carranza forces.

Johnson at present is at Buenos Aires, Argentina, or on his way north. He naturally would attempt to enter Mexico through the east coast ports of Tampico or Vera Cruz, both of which are held by the Carranza troops. The trip from some Central American border port would be difficult, as would any entry from the west coast. The latter would require a hard ride over the mountains, which might affect the condition of the negro.

JENNINGS OR TY COBB?

George Moreland, the baseball dope expert, has made the discovery that Hughey Jennings was a better man on the bases in his day than Ty Cobb has ever proved. Cobb, who generally is considered the greatest player the game has ever produced, fell far behind the record Jennings made in those days that he was the country's leading shortstop.

Cobb, for instance, holds the run-getting record with 147 in 146 games. Compare these figures with those of Jennings, who scored 159 runs in 131 games during the season of 1895.

For five consecutive years Jennings was able to score on an average of exactly 136 runs each season. Cobb has scored 100 or more but four times, an average of exactly 122 a season.

Besides his wonderful play at short he did his share, along with the wonderful bunch of players, to make the old Baltimore team the greatest aggregation of ball players ever put together.

PLAYERS ARE SLAVES.

Representative Gallagher Says So at Washington.

Washington. — "Baseball players are slaves. I've been trying to get some of them to come here and tell the house rules committee about the baseball trust, but they are afraid to come. There isn't any doubt about the existence of a baseball trust."

This was the statement of Representative Gallagher, of Illinois, baseball "fan" par excellence of congress and author of the resolution proposing congressional investigation of the organized baseball "trust."

Gallagher was commenting on the affidavits filed by Mordecai Brown, Joe Tinker and other Federal leaguers in the anti-trust suit against organized baseball that players had been traded for dogs. Gallagher confirmed the "dog" stories.

BOXING BILL, LIKE FRAWLEY LAW, IS UP BEFORE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Chicago.—Governor Dunne has received a draft of the bill drawn up by the Sportsmen's Club of America, legalizing boxing in Illinois. Proponents of the bill, which is to be introduced as soon as the legislators at Springfield stop scrapping among themselves and organize, were certain today it will pass.

The bill is patterned somewhat after the New York Frawley law. In one important detail it goes the New York statute one better. If passed in present form it would permit decisions by a licensed referee. A three-man commission, appointed by the Governor for a four-year term, at salaries of $5,000 annually to each member, is provided for. No club not having a six months' lease on its clubhouse could give boxing exhibitions. Each club must post a $10,000 forfeit on applying for a license to hold bouts. The state will receive 5 per cent. of the gross receipts.

THE FIGHT STATUS IN WISCONSIN—KENOSHA, WIS.

The recent developments in the attempt to stage a prize fight in this city between colored boxers after a permit was refused for the fight in Milwaukee are causing the opponents of the State Boxing Commission bill to prick up their ears and the matter has already gone far enough to make it almost a certainty that there will be a fight for the repeal of the bill in the coming session of the Legislature. The men who are watchful of the "good of the game" in this State had better get busy and they want to be quick about it. The men who favored boxing and fought to legalize good clean bouts in Wisconsin will not have an argument left if this fight goes through. It is the old story of "give them an inch and they take a mile." If this fight goes through when he wires to the establishment of a boxing commission will have the nerve to stand up and admit that he ever contemplated dumping such a mob down on any city in this State as will descend on Kenosha if this fight goes through when he voted to legalize boxing."—From the Kenosha Evening News.

INTELLIGENCE, MORE THAN WEIGHT BELOW THE HEAD, NEEDED, HAUGHTON SAYS.

"Instead of taking a football player and teaching him intelligence," as used to be the practice, we now take an intelligent student and teach him football," said Percy D. Houghton, head coach of the Harvard football team, today, addressing the delegates to the conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association on the subject of "Mental Training in Football."

"Formerly weight below the head was an indispensable quality in a football player," he continued. "Now the college football player is a man of average weight, active body and an especially active mind. The lessons the game teaches, lessons of self-sacrifice, obedience and, above all, preparedness, are being recognized off the campus as well as in the final game on each college football schedule."

Other speakers emphasized the necessity of giving educational value to athletics and the advisability of extending athletic training to every student instead of centering attentions on a few.

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT FISTIC EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 1914.

Some of the important ring titles that also shifted during the year were: Arthur Pelkey lost world's white heavyweight championship to Gunboat Smith, who in turn lost it to Carpentier; Harry Stone, an American, won welterweight championship of Australia from Matt Wells; Hughie Mehegan lost lightweight championship of Australia to Freddie Welsh (before latter won world's title); Dave Smith lost Australian middleweight, lightweight and heavyweight titles; Young Ahearn of New York won European middleweight title; Digger Stanley lost English bantamweight crown to Benyon, who in turn lost it to Johnny Hughes, and Hughes lost the championship to Charley Le Le Doux; Jem Driscoll was forced to vacate featherweight title of Europe in favor of Kid Lewis, and Sergeant Johnny Basham took English welterweight title from Johnny Summers.

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LOCAL.

Mrs. L. C. Smith, of 32 West St. Clair street, is on the sick list.

Dr. D. P. Roberts, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, is still ill at his home in Vermont street.

Mrs. Lena Kirk Porter, of the public schools, spent Sunday in Marion as the guest of friends.

Mr. Joseph C. Knox, of 745 W. Walnut street, is visiting his sister, Miss Minnie Knox, of Talladega, Ala.

Mrs. Ethel Hardy has returned to her home in this city after two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Chicago.

Mr. Wesley Davis, who underwent a very serious operation at St. Vincent's Hospital January 13th, is doing nicely.

Lloyd Cox, who has been in the United States navy in the submarine service for four years, is at home with his parents.

Ray E. Brown, of Crawfordsville, Ind., who has been studying pharmacy here departed for his home last Thursday with his wife.

Miss Helen Pritchett entertained at an informal dance Monday evening in honor of Miss Grace Thompson, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dodson.

Mrs. R. B. Shelton, formerly of this city but now of New York, has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood C. Knox for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Josephine Cousins, of Decatur, Ill., has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. George L. Knox, this week and on Thursday was joined by her husband.

Miss Laura Woolfolk, a teacher in the Government Indian Schools in Wisconsin, returned to her work last Saturday after visiting with her mother, Mrs. Rhoda Woolfolk.

Mr. W. W. Caruth, of 742 Center street, was called to the bedside of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Parthinia Caruth, Holly Springs, Miss. Pressing business prevented him from going.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Smith, of Marion, Ind., are visiting in this city this week and came up especially to attend the "Smart Set" show," playing the first half of this week at the Lyceum Theatre.

Mrs. Cornelia F. Nickens, of Cleveland, was in the city this week visiting Mrs. Ida Bryant. Mrs. Nickens was enroute to her home after having visited her brother, T. B. Harrison, at Waukegan, Ill., who is suffering from a nervous breakdown. She left for her home Wednesday.

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold a Lincoln Day celebration at Jones' Tabernacle church January 26. The speaker will be the Rev. R. W. Hagnall, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Detroit, Mich. R. L. Brokenburr is president of the local branch.

Interest increases in the religious cantata, "David, the Shepherd Boy," to be given at Jones' Tabernacle church, under the direction of S. A. Ratliff. Some of the best local talent will assist in the special parts, among them being Dr. L. A. Lewis, tenor; John Brice, tenor; Mrs. Florence Finley, contralto.

Mrs. Mollie Clay, of Champaign, Ill., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Durrett, No. 1206 Earhart street, has just returned home after spending three weeks in the city. While here she was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickerson, 226 Oakland avenue; Mrs. George Dorsey, 3525 Prospect street. Mr. and Mrs. Durrett gave a going home party on Saturday evening. Many games were participated in. A most enjoyable time was had. Covers were laid for thirty. An eight o'clock breakfast was served Sunday morning by Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes, 1210 Earhart street. We thank all our friends for hospitality shown her while in the city.

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SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

Madam Meadows, again at her Spiritualist church, last Monday night had a house full of strangers, but every one recognized different messages that they rceived from those passed out. Everybody is welcome to her circle meetings, which are held every Monday night from 8:30 till 10:30.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD AT BETHEL CHURCH.

There will be a mass meeting held at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Eva Bowles, of New York City, national secretary of the Y. W. C. A., will address the meeting. The 601 persons who have enrolled as being interested in a Y. W. C. A. are urged to come out and bring their friends to hear Miss Bowles.

MR. GEORGE G. SIMMONS ENTERTAINS A BUNCH OF FRIENDS.

Mr. George G. Simmons, of The Freeman, entertained a bunch of his friends at his home on Sixteenth street, last Saturday evening.

Among those present were Messrs. Archie Greathouse, Jos. Baughman, E. C. Knox, William M. Lewis, Edgar D. Fuller and J. Wesley Smith.

Supper, which consisted of various seasonable dishes, was prepared by the nieces of the host, Mrs. Margaret Miller and Miss Levina B. Smith, assisted by Mrs. Julia Fuller.

An enjoyable evening was spent playing cards, etc.

WM. E. SCOTT, THE ARTIST,

Goes South to Make a Study of the Life of the Southern Negro Preparatory to Portraits He Intends Painting.

Mr. Wm. E. Scott, the artist, left Monday for Tuskegee, Ala., where he will spend two weeks in studying Southern Negro life preparatory for pictures he intends painting in the spring. While there he will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington and also the guest of Prof. and Mrs. John Hope, the dean of the Atlanta Georgia Baptist College.

CIVIC LEAGUE HOLDS MEETING.

The Southeastern Civic League held an interesting meeting at the home of the president, Mr. W. E. Edwards. A miscellaneous program was rendered, with Mr. Minger Kennedy, the secretary, as master of ceremonies. Mr. John Johnson, of Chicago, and Mr. Charles Sandsberry, of North Indianapolis, were among the distinguished guests present. The next meeting will be held January 22 at the home of Mr. Horace Wade, 1437 Minocqua avenue. All members are urged to be present.

THE TRINITY BIBLE SCHOOL.

Located at 518 North West street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. J. Smith, evangelist of Texas, will preach Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Subject, "Evangelism."

The choral class, conducted by Mrs. J. Bonapart, will met Tuesday night from 8 to 10.

The Sunday school lesson will be taught by Dr. C. W. McColl Thursday night from 8 to 10.

Literary Friday night by Rev. Geo. Gore.

The opening exercises of the preacher-training department will be held at Ebenezer Baptist church Monday night, February 1st, at 8:00. The public is invited.

DR. DAVID LATSHAW, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, WILL SPEAK—Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Due to an unforseen circumstance, Hr. Harry G. Hill, who was to address the "Monster Meeting" on last Sunday, was unable to appear. Mr. S. G. Shouse, of Greencastle, who substituted delivered a very excellent address on "The Philosophy of Habit." The rendition of the classic "Traumerie," by Mr. Theodore Cable was heartily appreciated by those present. Rev. E. A. Clark, who addressed the boys, proved without a doubt that he still knew a great deal about the desires and habits of boys.

It is only on rare occasions when the association is fortunate enough in securing men of the caliber and marked distinction as the one who will address the men of the Monster Meeting on Sunday, January 24th. On this date Dr. Davis G. Latshaw, international secretary of the Y. M. C. A., a man of strong personality; one who has a national reputation as a worker with and for men; and an orator of note, will deliver the message to the men. No fewer than 400 men are expected to hear this masterful address. The Second Christian church choir will furnish special numbers on this program. The Y. M. C. A. orchestra will render a thirty-minute sacred concert preceding the address. This invitation to attend is extended to all men of the city.

Mr. Loyd Cox, who has recently returned to the city after four years of service in the U. S. navy, will address the Boy's Meeting on next Sunday. Mr. Cox will use as a subject "A Chance to See the World." Mr. Cox is a young man of keen observation and will no doubt bring many interesting points regarding the mysterious ocean and the foreign lands to the boys on next Sunday. The meeting opens promptly at 2:30 p. m., and all the boys of the city are cordially invited to attend.

Friday night, Jan. 22, the members of the Junior department together with the members of the staff met in the social rooms and tendered a farewell reception to Mr. J. F. Johnson, the retiring boy's secretary. Several speeches were made by the boys and staff members voicing their appreciation of his work and wishing him unbounded success in his new line of endeavor.

Bethel still leads in the Church League with four victories and no defeats. The standing of the teams is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Percentage.
Bethel	4	0	1000
2nd Christian	1	0	1000
Presbyterian	3	1	.750
Allen's Chapel	0	4	.000

Dr. E. A. Stokes delivered the fifth of the "Health Talks" to about 40 gymnasium men Wednesday evening, Jan. 20, on "The Care of the Eyes." He brought some helpful information and some timely advice as to the care of the eyes. Dr. A. H. Armistead will speak next Wednesday on "Patent Medicines."

In spite of the inclement weather last Monday night, a large number of those who have signified their intentions of taking a part i nthe musical festival to be given under the auspices of the association in April, were present at the second rehearsal. There is still time for those contemplating assisting in this movement to join.

ELITE No. 2 OPENS JANUARY 28 AT 10 A. M.

Bethel Church Still Growing—Dr. Smythe Preaches Able Sermons—Dr. Harry Garnes, President of Dentists' Club—Mrs. Bessie Johnson Here—Chateau Should be Supported—Miss Maud Roberts Recital February 4th.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 19—(Special)—Bethel A. M. E. church is still growing. Every morning after the wonderful sermon of the Rev. T. A. Smythe, from ten to fifteen members join the church. Undoubtedly Dr. Smythe is the best sermonizer in Chicago. His sermons are not only instructive and inspiring but full of history, science and sociology, but never do they show a lack of the spirit for this is what draws such extra large crowds at Bethel. Last Sunday Dr. Smythe seemed to be at his best and his sermon was fine.

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Sam Carter Falls Down Elevator Shaft.

Mr. Sam Carter, formerly of Louisville, Ky., but who has been in Chicago a number of years and resides at 3741 Dearborn street, fell through an elevator shaft on Saturday at midnight at the Sportsman Club, 608 South Michigan street where he worked. At the inquest nothing was definitely known as to the actual cause of his death only that he was found dead in the bottom of the shaft about midnight, death being caused by an electrical shock. On Wednesday he was moved to his home at Louisville, Ky., where he will be interred.

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Chateau Should Be Supported.

The Chateau should be given support on part of the best people in the city. Here they claim that they want places of their own to go that are first class and now that they have it, many of the race men and women do not give first class places the support due them. Last summer the Chateau Garden was the swellest thing in Chicago and it was packed nightly. In order to maintain it next summer is reasonable to believe that the place should be given support now. It is reported that Dr. Boger is doing everything possible to make the place a success, catering to every desire of the people, letting them dance and giving good entertainment. Make the Chateau go now that we may have a first class place next summer.

Miss Maud Roberts Feb. 4.

Miss Maud J. Roberts, who will appear in recital at Abraham Lincoln Center under the management of Cary B. Lewis, will have for accompanist Mr. Herman Devries, Chicago's noted music teacher. Mr. C. Cecil Cohen, of Oberlin University, will assist Miss Roberts. A number of clubs of the city will attend the musical in a body. While Miss Roberts will sing in French and Italian, most of her program will be in English.

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Mrs. Bessie Johnson Here.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson, sister of Mrs. Etta Valdes, 5241 Wabash Avenue, is in the city on a visit. She is from Minneapolis and will remain here during the winter season. Mr. Jesse Johnson has sent his wife here to be away from the winter's winds in Minnesota. With Mrs. Valdes and Miss Marie Johnson the visitor will have a delightful time in the "Windy City." She will be among the patrons at the Maud Roberts recital.

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The Elite No. "2" Opens January 28.

Elite No. 2 will open January 28. The south side is waiting for this occasion. The description of the new place has been given in this column of this paper. The entertainers have been named and the orchestra selected, the Chinaman is ready. All that needs be done is for Henry Jones or Art Codozoe to press the button and Elite No. 2 will be open in full sway. Mr. Art Codozoe and Mr. W. H. Whitson will be found at Elite No. 2. Mr. Whitson was formerly with Elite Cafe and Buffet.

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Mrs. Marietta Starks, of Glencoe, Ill., was operated on Tuesday at Provident Hospital by Dr. Burt Anderson. On Tuesday evening she was reported doing nicely. Mrs. Starks is one of the most charming matrons in the west. Her many friends have filled her private room with flowers and the room appears to be a veritable garden. Dr. Anderson states she will be out in two weeks.

NEWS OF SHREVEPORT, LA.

The Red Cross Aid Society and the Boy Scouts of America are doing great work in this city. They have planned to finish building the Orphans' Home, which was planned and begun some two or three years ago. They have donated to the poor 100 suits of clothes in the last ten days. Mrs. S. C. Williams, president of the Orphans Home, is a member of the executive board; Mrs. G. W. Mills, chairman of charity; Ben McElroy, president; Mrs. J. B. Willis, treasurer; Dr. W. D. Wilson, vice-president, and Dr. W. M. Wallace, secretary. .. Boy Scouts meet at the Knights of Shephard Hall Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock. Red Cross Aid Society meet the first and third Thursdays. The membership will be 10 cents for the next ten days. .. The world's famous Williams' Colored Singers performed at the St. Paul Methodist church Saturday night, January 16, which was largely attended by some of our best families and socialists and I must say that we have been visited by many talented companies who as a whole were great. But never before had we witnessed such melodious singing as the Williams-Johnson Company of eight, who proved themselves to be just as represented; that is, each person being a talented and cultivated soloist, singing from the most familiar jubilee, steam boat and cornfield songs to the most careful arrangements of overtures and selections, such as sextette, from Lucia; Il Trovatore, and others. We greatly appreciated them and welcome all other companies of such reputation.. **Mr. J. E. Tarver, manager of the Shreveport Smart Set baseball club, is beginning to make preparations for the coming season, and is leaving nothing unturned to give the local burg as good or better ball team than ever before, thereby retaining the undisputed championship of the South. We have won from every club South and would like to hear from any of the clubs coming this way; can book them through Louisiana and Texas. Write now for dates. Address J. E. Tarver, Manager, 835 Texas avenue, Shreveport, La.**

FRANK PREER GETS MARRIED.

Miss Evlyn Jarvis the Happy Bride—Wedding at High Noon.

Chicago Special.

When Cupid's dart took aim at Frank Preer, one of the popular young proprietors of the new DeLuxe Cafe, 3503 State street, he suddenly took a notion, and on Friday noon, January 15th, he hurried his little financee, Evlyn Jarvis, to the residence of Rev. T. A. Smythe, 3155 Calumet avenue, who performed the ceremony. In the wedding party, which was private, Mr. Preer's partner, William Bottoms, who acted as best man, Mrs. Milton Brooks, Miss Jarvis' sister, was the bridesmaid, and their mother, Mrs. Blanche Jarvis gave the bride away. Mrs. T. A. Smythe and Sylvester Russell were the only witnesses.

Frank Preer.

Before the party left chocolate and cake was served by Mrs. Smythe as a surprise. On the way to the bride's mother's residence, 5431 Dearborn street, the party stopped at the De Luxe Cafe where the bride was surprised by a shower of rice from Mr. Russell in the auto-car. When Preer came out of the DeLuxe he was more than excited by a sudden souse of rice from a line up of friends until he reached the car. There were no invitations. But at the residence of Mrs. Jarvis, a few friends who had heard the news dropped in and the soloists of the DeLuxe came up and serenaded the newly weds. Then Mrs. Brooks gave still another surprise with a light luncheon including wine. Where the honeymoon was spent that evening nobody seems to know. Mr. Preer has now returned to his post all wreathed in smiles.

GULFPORT, MISS., NEWS.

(By The Freeman Bureau, 2902 13th St., P. O. Box 538.)

Prof. W. H. Smith, Messrs. A. H. Phillips, John Allen, were stars in a very popular and attractive musical entertainment at the M. E. church last week. The talent of these young men is well known and admirable to lovers of good music and clean entertainment.

Mr. F. H. Harvey, formerly head waiter Battle House, Mobile, Ala., has arrived in Gulfport and resumed his position as head waiter Great Southern Hotel. Mr. Harvey is one of the leading hotel men of the country, and has served as head waiter in some of the best hotels Amrica affords. His genial disposition and progressiveness and unquestioned qualification have won for him the front rank among the hotel men of the race. The following is the organization of the dining room force at the Great Southern this season: Mr. Frank H. Harvey, head waiter; Mr. S. J. Kinchen, 2d head waiter; 1st captains, Philip Blackshier, D. J. Stokes.

Miss Viola Freightman entertained the New Club at Handsboro, Jan. 14. This organization promises to contribute largely to the social life of the community.

Mr. Robt. L. Fournoy, a Chicago boy, and Mr. Alfred Mitchell, of New Orleans, La., are in charge of the Great Southern Hotel bellmen this season. These capable young men were here last year and their return and promotion is the reward of satisfactory service.

Those who attended the New Club entertainment at Handsboro last week were: Misses Ruth Stewart, Isabel Johnson, Sylvania Davis, Amanda Waters, Hazel Jackson, Mesdames Della Graves, Verina Barney, ouisa Riley, W. M. Riley, Messrs. W. M. Riley, Samuel H. Johnson, Joseph Davis, James Brint, Owen Turner, Norman Thompson, Mrs. Dora Robertson, Mrs. Margaret Johnson.

Mr. Dave Roach, of Chicago, is in Gulfport shaking hands with old friends. Mr. Roach is a fine man and has accomplished much for the race.

Henry Lewis and Mr. E. J. Duncan, of Mobile, are in town. We are glad to see these young men as they always put life into the social whirl and always make the boys know they are "round here."

ARDMORE, OKLA.

(By Artris Martin.)

Mr. P. R. Love left Sunday for McAlester, Okla., where he went to serve a term in the state penitentiary, after having a trial some time ago. He was sentenced and then released on bond waiting an appeal. He voluntarily went and offered to serve his term in the penitentiary. .. Mr. Son Townsend died Tuesday morning at the place of Mr. Buck Williams and the folowing evening Mr. Buck Williams was shot and instantly killed by Jim Charclor (white). The latter was placed in jail to await trial. .. The friends of Mrs. Maggie Ivory are glad to know that she is much improved. .. Mrs. Maggie Hawkins went to Isabelle, Okla., on a busines trip. .. Mr. Charlie Croom's home was entered by a burglar, who relieved him of four or five dolars in cash. .. Rev. Smith, presiding minister of A. M. E. church, is with Rev. Watts at the Metropolitan M. E. church. .. **Get the Freeman every Saturday at Martin's Cleaning and Pressing Shop, 530 East Main street.**

DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran St.—Phone Haskell 6956.

The metropolis is a busy city. Push and energy taxed. Comers and goers sick, dead and doctors all busy. Business outlook is improving. The unemployed are daily hustling for all kinds of work. All lodges are striving to meet the insurance demands of the State. The U. B. of F. Lodge of Texas is showing a healthy condition, also the K. of P., Odd Fellows, Masonic lodges and the Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

In the Limelight.

While the weekly sick and accident companies of the race are teaching our people what a good proposition they have for them. The people as a whole are on the alert and are keen to invest in any laudable undertaking, yet there are those to be seen daily who never think of spending a nickle with their race in business but are found day and night grinning in the white man's places with hats off, playing Uncle Ned, Old Tom or the money part for the fun, which is not in keeping with those who must shoulder the responsibilities and pay taxes.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Neal, of Canada, are here visiting the mother and sisters of Mrs. Neal on Adair street for an indefinite time. Mr. Neal is on his first visit here and being an educator and newspaper man of ability and being well versed in the various avenues of business, is expecting to connect himself in some way with the progressive side of the people who do things in Texas.

Mrs. Katie Sims and daughter, of Greenville, Texas, who spent several days here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Yerger and family, 1911 Wall street, have returned home.

Rand & Rand is the firm name of one more colored enterprise to ask a share of your trade. They will handle fresh oysters and fish of all kinds and will do a daily delivery to all parts of the city.

Mr. Norman J. Gregory, 2804 Trinidad street, who was operated on by Dr. B. R. Bluitt last week, is rapidly improving, to the delight of his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Kennedy have recently moved on North Allen street.

Mrs. George Walker is up after several days' illness.

Mrs. Hipkins, the lodge woman who is doing things that count for her lodge in Taborian circles, reports progress with her small number, both financially and in good attendance.

Mr. Will Guiens, the Santa Fe Cafe man, is up and on duty.

Mrs. Marsilia Arvis, of this city, spent several days visiting her mother at Stamelon, Texas, and will soon join her husband in Omaha, Nebr.

Mesdames Ida Ford, Frank Carter, Alf. Martin, Jake Ward, B. K. Bruce and Mrs. Kates were royally entertained in Waxahatchie last Friday at the palatial residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Hills, of that little prosperous city, in honor of Mrs. Nora Slaughter, who is here visiting from Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Anderson Bonner, of Richardson, Texas. They all speak in the highest terms of their pleasant time and their trip via the interurban.

A large host of friends of Dr. Scarpont gathered at 5020 Bryan street on the night of the 7th to pay their respects to the doctor's thirty-first anniversary, which was a crowning event. As each guest came and went memories of the past, present and the future were vividly portrayed by tokens and deeds and words of long live the doctor and a word to his recent gift of a bale of cotton to Mrs. Lula Mayfield, of Troupe, Texas. The doctor is noted for his generosity to his friends and foes. Thus he has easy sailing among the whole people of Texas.

Mr. Jethro Cook, of Rockwall, Tex., spent several days here at the bedside of his sick mother, who was operated on and is on the mend slowly.

The remains of Miss Lou Turner Amey, one of the city teachers who had been ill just a short while, were laid to rest Sunday afternoon from Eauening's Chapel C. M. E. church, of which she was a member and a great church worker. Several resolutions were read in memoriam of her Christian life to her host of relatives and friends, who will miss her many deeds of cheer. Pastor Langsford and several divines officiated. Miss Amey was one of the many who had come up from the bottom to the top as a teacher and was loved by all. The floral offerings were most beautiful. Her duties here have ceased. Meet her above, where parting will never come. Interment was at the new cemetery.

Dr. F. P. Mayes is at rest, but his good works will continue. Those famous remedies will be manufactured daily and put on the market for the world of sufferers by the Mayes Medical Company, Incorporated, just the same, so the Freeman reporter was informed by Messrs. J. A. Mayes, secretary and president, and Starling R. Johnson, who will give all parties, firms and the public their earnest consideration and careful attention in the future.

Mrs. C. Marbles, of Austin, Texas, paid her sister, Mrs. O. H. Holloway, 2615 Juliet street, a brief visit and returned to her home the past week.

On our daily rounds we see daily papers in the yards of Negroes' homes that are never unopened but are paid for in advance and some of these Negroes can't find anything in a race paper to interest them and when asked to subscribe they want you to wait several months for the pay. I guess this is their reason. The Freeman reporter in Dallas desires to serve one and all in this and adjoining towns, but must have the money to serve you right. We have a large number of preachers, teachers, lawyers, doctors and other professional men and women who are not patrons because we ask for advance terms. We also have a large number who always look up the agents and buy each week, as the Freeman is in demand by the plain, common people. Do right. Stand up and be on the right side of progress, as it takes the hard cash if you wish to read it. This is not intended for those who are not knockers. See!

Mrs. M. E. Green is spending eight weeks in the Vapor City, Hot Springs.

Fat Jack can sure get the people's pictures every Sunday.

If you have a good proposition let The Freeman help you push it. It is helping hundreds each week.

Mr. George E. Carr wishes to be remembered. Now corner Swiss and Central.

Hon. Melvin J. Chism, of Baltimore, visited his old home town and found many old friends. He assisted in several pow wows, had a good time and joined his wife in Marshall, Texas. His Texas rosebud days have gone for greater study for his people and the race.

Dear readers, were you ever Jimcrowed by your own race. We have a few up here that have tried it on several occasions and have not given up yet. Think it over and watch the results.

THE PASSING OF MRS. J. C. BATTLE—EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION.

(From Uriah Street, Pine Bluff, Ark.)

The closing of 1914 has taken as toll from our city Rev. Joe. Singleton, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist church, who was well known and highly respected. His funeral was looked after by his old comrades, the Revs. Willie Walter, the noted Frank O'Bryan, and Rev. Bronlee. The church was packed and it was necessary to have an overflow sermon... Just on the eve of the new year one of our oldest citizens, Mrs. J. C. Battle, wife of the veteran Baptist Minister, passed away, the Rev. Battle having preceded her by several years. Rev. Battle was a prominent man in his day, having held good positions in public life and at one time had been elected as county treasurer of this county. They were natives of Georgia. Mrs. Battle's funeral was held in the church which bears their name, being founded by her husband. They will be long remembered for the church and neighborhood or known by the family name. .. On December 30, Mr. A. J. Taylor, a R. F. D. carrier, was buried from the First Baptist church. Mr. Taylor died of heart failure, having retired in the best of health. Failing to respond to his wife's call in early morning, investigation found him dead. He was buried by Eastern Light Lodge No. 6, F. & A. M., Revs. Isaac Scott, O. L. Moody and J. W. McCrary having charge. .. Emancipation was observed on the usual date at St. John's A. M. E. church, Col. Harris, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Parker and many others making addresses. The Colonel and Dr. Robinson had a colloquy as to the progress of the young Negro and it did appear the Colonel did not give the young Negro what was due him, for we can't climb when the only ones whom we would depend on are of no service to us in this section. The young Negro's brilliance and honesty has no effect on those who could advance and save immediate relatives. .. Mr. Nat Brown has purchased the home of James Dillard in Battleville and will do extensive improving. Mr. Brown is a vigorous business man and is coming to the front very well without outside help. .. The city is undergoing a drought and many of the boys can be seen who never show up until the drought comes. .. Messrs. Will Mitchell, Felix Coleman and Henry Todd were in Little Rock on court matters this week. .. Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Clayborn made a flying business trip to Little Rock Saturday. .. Mr. Snodgrass has moved his shop into the next block. .. Brition Brooks and Ira Lawson were nearly overcome when a levee broke Monday evening. .. Rev. Brewer, the Sunday school missionary, has more territory added to his old charge. .. Dr. Young meets them with that golden smile, regardless of the depression. .. Will Austin is on the sick list at Clarendon, and Mr. Aikers now guards the temple. .. Planter Clay is busy getting ready for the coming crop. .. Dr. Lyles and Rev. Robinson were visitors to Argenta to the Shorter board. .. Among those returning to school since the holidays were: Miss Alice Jacks, Miss Louise Morris, Miss Mamie Taylor to Philander Smith; Misses Janie Hockenhull, Bettie Hockenhull, Costella Hockenhull to Arkansas Baptist College; Miss Lucy Jones, Miss Ethel Sope and Master Ed Buchana, of Scott's, to Shorter. .. The Drought and the Going act has got our white neighbors admitting that we are not getting a square deal in law and politics.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

The union revival held at the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. church the past two weeks was a grand success and was largely attended each evening, and will continue at the Third Baptist church for two weeks. All invited to attend. .. The infant of Mrs. D. Akers, of 365 East Wood street, is improving. .. Louisa Edward Court No. 30 of Calantha will meet in regular session Wednesday, and Logan Lodge No. 4, K. of P., will meet Thursday evening. .. Master Donnald Ackers returned home after three weeks' visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Ella Brady, and Miss Rachel Bidle, in Cleveland. .. The invitations for the Elks' annual party, March 11, will be out February 1.. Mrs. H. P. Parker, of Chicago avenue, entertained the ladies of the Chrysanthemum Club Monday. .. Mrs. Millie Robinson, of Darrow street, is not so well at this writing. .. Mrs. Coleman, of St. Louis avenue, and Gains Williams, of East Front street, are improving. Clarence Moore, of Earl avenue, is on the sick list. .. All teachers and officers of the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. church are requested to meet the superintendent, Mr. M. L. Gorden, Friday evening at 7:30, in the study of the Third Baptist church.

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